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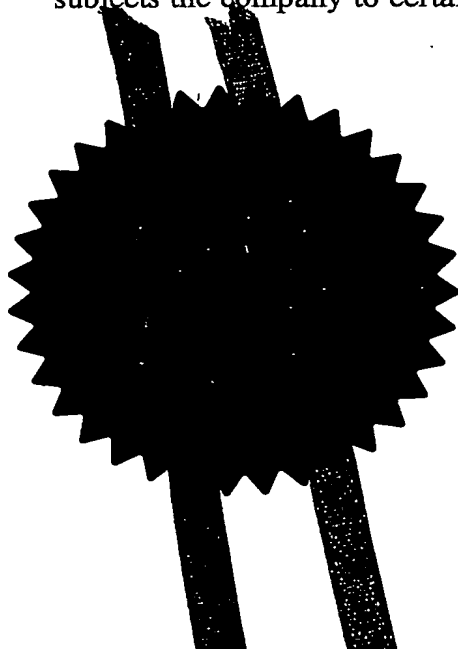
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QUINAZOLINE DERIVATIVES

The invention concerns certain novel quinazoline derivatives, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, which possess anti-tumour activity and are accordingly useful in methods of treatment of the human or animal body. The invention also concerns processes for the manufacture of said quinazoline derivatives, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them and to their use in therapeutic methods, for example in the manufacture of medicaments for use in the prevention or treatment of solid tumour disease in a warm-blooded animal such as man.

Many of the current treatment regimes for diseases resulting from the abnormal regulation of cellular proliferation such as psoriasis and cancer, utilise compounds that inhibit DNA synthesis and cellular proliferation. To date, compounds used in such treatments are generally toxic to cells however their enhanced effects on rapidly dividing cells such as tumour cells can be beneficial. Alternative approaches to these cytotoxic anti-tumour agents are currently being developed, for example selective inhibitors of cell signalling pathways. These types of inhibitors are likely to have the potential to display an enhanced selectivity of action against tumour cells and so are likely to reduce the probability of the therapy possessing unwanted side effects.

Eukaryotic cells are continually responding to many diverse extracellular signals that enable communication between cells within an organism. These signals regulate a wide variety of physical responses in the cell including proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis and motility. The extracellular signals take the form of a diverse variety of soluble factors including growth factors as well as paracrine and endocrine factors. By binding to specific transmembrane receptors, these ligands integrate the extracellular signal to the intracellular signalling pathways, therefore transducing the signal across the plasma membrane and allowing the individual cell to respond to its extracellular signals. Many of these signal transduction processes utilise the reversible process of the phosphorylation of proteins that are involved in the promotion of these diverse cellular responses. The phosphorylation status of target proteins is regulated by specific kinases and phosphatases that are responsible for the regulation of about one third of all proteins encoded by the mammalian genome. As phosphorylation is such an important regulatory mechanism in the signal transduction process, it is therefore not surprising that aberrations in these intracellular pathways result in abnormal cell growth and

differentiation and so promote cellular transformation (reviewed in Cohen *et al*, Curr Opin Chem Biol, 1999, 3, 459-465).

It has been widely shown that a number of these tyrosine kinases are mutated to constitutively active forms and/or when over-expressed result in the transformation of a variety of human cells. These mutated and over-expressed forms of the kinase are present in a large proportion of human tumours (reviewed in Kolibaba *et al*, Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, 1997, 133, F217-F248). As tyrosine kinases play fundamental roles in the proliferation and differentiation of a variety of tissues, much focus has centred on these enzymes in the development of novel anti-cancer therapies. This family of enzymes is divided into two groups - receptor and non-receptor tyrosine kinases e.g. EGF Receptors and the SRC family respectively. From the results of a large number of studies including the Human Genome Project, about 90 tyrosine kinase have been identified in the human genome, of this 58 are of the receptor type and 32 are of the non-receptor type. These can be compartmentalised in to 20 receptor tyrosine kinase and 10 non-receptor tyrosine kinase sub-families (Robinson *et al*, Oncogene, 2000, 19, 5548-5557).

The receptor tyrosine kinases are of particular importance in the transmission of mitogenic signals that initiate cellular replication. These large glycoproteins, which span the plasma membrane of the cell possess an extracellular binding domain for their specific ligands (such as Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF) for the EGF Receptor). Binding of ligand results in the activation of the receptor's kinase enzymatic activity that is encoded by the intracellular portion of the receptor. This activity phosphorylates key tyrosine amino acids in target proteins, resulting in the transduction of proliferative signals across the plasma membrane of the cell.

It is known that the erbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases, which include EGFR, erbB2, erbB3 and erbB4, are frequently involved in driving the proliferation and survival of tumour cells (reviewed in Olayioye *et al*, EMBO J., 2000, 19, 3159). One mechanism in which this can be accomplished is by overexpression of the receptor at the protein level, generally as a result of gene amplification. This has been observed in many common human cancers (reviewed in Klapper *et al*, Adv. Cancer Res., 2000, 77, 25) such as breast cancer (Sainsbury *et al*, Brit. J. Cancer, 1988, 58, 458; Guerin *et al*, Oncogene Res., 1988, 3, 21; Slamon *et al*, Science, 1989, 244, 707; Klijn *et al*, Breast Cancer Res. Treat., 1994, 29, 73 and reviewed in Salomon *et al*, Crit. Rev. Oncol. Hematol., 1995, 19, 183), non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLCs) including adenocarcinomas (Cerny *et al*,

- Brit. J. Cancer, 1986, 54, 265; Reubi et al., Int. J. Cancer, 1990, 45, 269; Rusch et al., Cancer Research, 1993, 53, 2379; Brabender et al., Clin. Cancer Res., 2001, 7, 1850) as well as other cancers of the lung (Hendler et al., Cancer Cells, 1989, 7, 347; Ohsaki et al., Oncol. Rep., 2000, 7, 603), bladder cancer (Neal et al., Lancet, 1985, 366; Chow et al., Clin. Cancer Res., 2001, 7, 1957, Zhau et al., Mol Carcinog., 3, 254), oesophageal cancer (Mukaida et al., Cancer, 1991, 68, 142), gastrointestinal cancer such as colon, rectal or stomach cancer (Bolen et al., Oncogene Res., 1987, 1, 149; Kapitanovic et al., Gastroenterology, 2000, 112, 1103; Ross et al., Cancer Invest., 2001, 19, 554), cancer of the prostate (Visakorpi et al., Histochem. J., 1992, 24, 481; Kumar et al., 2000, 32, 73; Scher et al., J. Natl. Cancer Inst., 2000, 92, 1866), leukaemia (Konaka et al., Cell, 1984, 37, 1035, Martin-Subero et al., Cancer Genet Cytogenet., 2001, 127, 174), ovarian (Hellstrom et al., Cancer Res., 2001, 61, 2420), head and neck (Shiga et al., Head Neck, 2000, 22, 599) or pancreatic cancer (Ovotny et al., Neoplasma, 2001, 48, 188). As more human tumour tissues are tested for expression of the erbB family of receptor tyrosine
- 15 kinases it is expected that their widespread prevalence and importance will be further enhanced in the future.

- As a consequence of the mis-regulation of one or more of these receptors, it is widely believed that many tumours become clinically more aggressive and so correlate with a poorer prognosis for the patient (Brabender et al., Clin. Cancer Res., 2001, 7, 1850; Ross et al., Cancer Investigation, 2001, 19, 554, Yu et al., Bioessays, 2000, 22.7, 673). In addition to these clinical findings, a wealth of pre-clinical information suggests that the erbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases are involved in cellular transformation. This includes the observations that many tumour cell lines overexpress one or more of the erbB receptors and that EGFR or erbB2 when transfected into non-tumour cells have the
- 25 ability to transform these cells. This tumourigenic potential has been further verified as transgenic mice that overexpress erbB2 spontaneously develop tumours in the mammary gland. In addition to this, a number of pre-clinical studies have demonstrated that anti-proliferative effects can be induced by knocking out one or more erbB activities by small molecule inhibitors, dominant negatives or inhibitory antibodies (reviewed in
- 30 Mendelsohn et al., Oncogene, 2000, 19, 6550). Thus it has been recognised that inhibitors of these receptor tyrosine kinases should be of value as a selective inhibitor of the proliferation of mammalian cancer cells (Yaish et al., Science, 1988, 242, 933, Kolibaba et al., Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, 1997, 133, F217-F248; Al-Obeidi et al.,

2000, Oncogene, 19, 5690-5701; Mendelsohn *et al*, 2000, Oncogene, 19, 6550-6565). In addition to this pre-clinical data, findings using inhibitory antibodies against EGFR and erbB2 (c-225 and trastuzumab respectively) have proven to be beneficial in the clinic for the treatment of selected solid tumours (reviewed in Mendelsohn *et al*, 2000, Oncogene,  
5 19, 6550-6565).

Amplification and/or activity of members of the erbB type receptor tyrosine kinases have been detected and so have been implicated to play a role in a number of non-malignant proliferative disorders such as psoriasis (Ben-Bassat, Curr. Pharm. Des., 2000, 6, 933; Elder *et al.*, Science, 1989, 243, 811), benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)  
10 (Kumar *et al.*, Int. Urol. Nephrol., 2000, 32, 73), atherosclerosis and restenosis (Bokemeyer *et al.*, Kidney Int., 2000, 58, 549). It is therefore expected that inhibitors of erbB type receptor tyrosine kinases will be useful in the treatment of these and other non-malignant disorders of excessive cellular proliferation.

European patent application EP 566 226 discloses certain 4-anilinoquinazolines  
15 that are receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

International patent applications WO 96/33977, WO 96/33978, WO 96/33979, WO 96/33980, WO 96/33981, WO 97/30034, WO 97/38994 disclose that certain quinazoline derivatives which bear an anilino substituent at the 4-position and a substituent at the 6- and/or 7- position possess receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity.

20 European patent application EP 837 063 discloses aryl substituted 4-aminoquinazoline derivatives carrying moiety containing an aryl or heteroaryl group at the 6-or 7- position on the quinazoline ring. The compounds are stated to be useful for treating hyperproliferative disorders.

International patent applications WO 97/30035 and WO 98/13354 disclose certain  
25 4-anilinoquinazolines substituted at the 7- position are vascular endothelial growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

WO 00/55141 discloses 6,7-substituted 4-anilinoquinazoline compounds characterised in that the substituents at the 6-and/or 7-position carry an ester linked moiety (RO-CO).

30 WO 00/56720 discloses 6,7-dialkoxy-4-anilinoquinazoline compounds for the treatment of cancer or allergic reactions.

WO 02/41882 discloses 4-anilinoquinazoline compounds substituted at the 6- and/or 7- position by a substituted pyrrolidinyl-alkoxy or piperidinyl-alkoxy group.

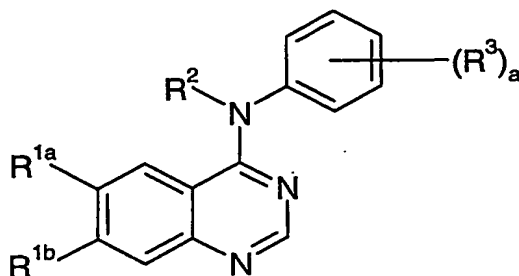
We have now surprisingly found that other 4-(anilino)quinazoline derivatives possess potent anti-tumour activity. Without wishing to imply that the compounds disclosed in the present invention possess pharmacological activity only by virtue of an effect on a single biological process, it is believed that the compounds provide an anti-tumour effect by way of inhibition of one or more of the erbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases that are involved in the signal transduction steps which lead to the proliferation of tumour cells. In particular, it is believed that the compounds of the present invention provide an anti-tumour effect by way of inhibition of EGFR and/or erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinases.

10 Generally the compounds of the present invention possess potent inhibitory activity against the erbB receptor tyrosine kinase family, for example by inhibition of EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 receptor tyrosine kinases, whilst possessing less potent inhibitory activity against other kinases. Furthermore, certain compounds of the present invention possess substantially better potency against the EGFR over that of the erbB2 tyrosine kinase. The invention also includes compounds that are active against all or a combination of EGFR, erbB2 and erbB4 receptor tyrosine kinases, thus potentially providing treatments for conditions mediated by one or more of these receptor tyrosine kinases.

20 Generally the compounds of the present invention exhibit favourable physical properties such as a high solubility whilst retaining high antiproliferative activity. Furthermore, many of the compounds according to the present invention are inactive or only weakly active in a hERG assay.

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I:

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wherein:

one of R<sup>1a</sup> or R<sup>1b</sup> is a group of sub-formula (i)



(i)

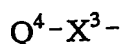
- 5 where X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>1</sup> are independently selected from a direct bond or a group -[CR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>]<sub>m</sub>, wherein m is an integer from 1 to 6,  
Z is C(O), SO<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)NR<sup>10</sup>-, -N(R<sup>10</sup>)C(O)-, -C(O)O- or -OC(O)- where R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl,  
and each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> independently is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl,  
10 halo(1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkyl, and n is 1 or 2, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together with the carbon atom(s) to which they are attached form a (3-7)cycloalkyl ring, provided that when a group R<sup>3</sup> or R<sup>4</sup> is hydroxy, m is at least 2  
Q<sup>1</sup> is (3-7C)cycloalkylene or heterocyclyl, group which is optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro,  
15 hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, acryloyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (2-6C)alkenylthio, (2-6C)alkynylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  
20 N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, sulfamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl,  
25 N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, sulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl and (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl(1-6C)alkyl;  
30 Q<sup>2</sup> is a heteroaryl group, optionally substituted by one of more substituents selected from from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, acryloyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (2-6C)alkenylthio,

- (2-6C)alkynylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy,
- 5 (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, sulfamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, sulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl,
- 10 N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl and (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl(1-6C)alkyl, and wherein any (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl and (2-6C)alkanoyl substituent on Q<sup>1</sup> or Q<sup>2</sup> optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3)
- 15 which may be the same or different selected from halogeno, hydroxy and (1-6C)alkyl and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, nitro, carboxy, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, hydroxy(1-6C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy and NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and R<sup>b</sup> is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl in R<sup>a</sup> or R<sup>b</sup> optionally
- 20 bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) which may be the same or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, nitro, (2-4C)alkenyl, (2-4C)alkynyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, hydroxy(1-4C)alkoxy and (1-2C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkoxy,
- or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4,
- 25 5 or 6 membered ring, which optionally bears 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, on an available ring carbon atom selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl and (1-3C)alkylenedioxy, and may optionally bear on any available ring nitrogen a substituent (provided the ring is not thereby quaternised) selected from (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl,
- 30 and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl or (2-4C)alkanoyl group present as a substituent on the ring formed by R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) which may be the same

or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from (1-4C)alkyl and (1-4C)alkoxy;

and wherein any heterocyclyl group  $Q^1$ - group optionally bears 1 or 2 oxo (=O) or thioxo (=S) substituents;

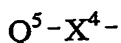
- 5 and the other of  $R^{1a}$  or  $R^{1b}$  is a group  $R^1$  which is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



- wherein  $X^3$  is a direct bond or is selected from O or S, and  $Q^4$  is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, 10 heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein adjacent carbon atoms in any (2-6C)alkylene chain within a  $R^1$  substituent are optionally separated by the insertion into the chain of a group selected from O, S, SO,  $SO_2$ ,  $N(R^4)$ , CO,  $CH(OR^4)$ ,  $CON(R^4)$ ,  $N(R^4)CO$ ,  $SO_2N(R^4)$ ,  $N(R^4)SO_2$ ,  $CH=CH$  and  $C\equiv C$  wherein  $R^4$  is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl,

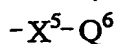
- 15 and wherein any  $CH_2=CH-$  or  $HC\equiv C-$  group within a  $R^1$  substituent optionally bears at the terminal  $CH_2=$  or  $HC\equiv$  position a substituent selected from halogeno, carboxy, carbamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  $\underline{N}$ -(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl,  $\underline{N,N}$ -di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, amino-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkylamino-(1-6C)alkyl and di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(1-6C)alkyl or from a group of the formula :



- 20 wherein  $X^4$  is a direct bond or is selected from CO and  $N(R^5)CO$ , wherein  $R^5$  is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and  $Q^5$  is heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any alkyl or alkylene group within a  $R^1$  substituent optionally bears one or more halogeno, (1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl,

- 25 sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  $\underline{N}$ -(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl,  $\underline{N,N}$ -di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino,  $\underline{N}$ -(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino,  $\underline{N}$ -(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl,  $\underline{N,N}$ -di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino and 30  $\underline{N}$ -(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, or from a group of the formula:



wherein  $X^5$  is a direct bond or is selected from O, S, SO,  $SO_2$ ,  $N(R^6)$ , CO,  $CH(OR^6)$ ,  $CON(R^6)$ ,  $N(R^6)CO$ ,  $SO_2N(R^6)$ ,  $N(R^6)SO_2$ ,  $C(R^6)_2O$ ,  $C(R^6)_2S$  and  $C(R^6)_2N(R^6)$ , wherein

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and Q<sup>6</sup> is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any heterocyclyl group within a substituent on R<sup>1</sup> optionally bears 1,  
 5 2 or 3 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, formyl, mercapto, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  
 10 N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, and N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, or from a group of the formula:

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$$-X^6-R^7$$

wherein X<sup>6</sup> is a direct bond or is selected from O, N(R<sup>8</sup>) and C(O), wherein R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and R<sup>7</sup> is halogeno-(1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy-(1-6C)alkyl, carboxy-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy-(1-6C)alkyl, cyano-(1-6C)alkyl, amino-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(1-6C)alkyl,  
 20 (2-6C)alkanoylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, carbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl-(1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any heterocyclyl group within a substituent on R<sup>1</sup> optionally bears 1  
 25 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from hydrogen and (1-6C)alkyl;

each R<sup>3</sup>, which may be the same or different, is selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, trifluoromethyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy,  
 30 (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, and N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl

a is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In this specification the generic term "alkyl" includes both straight-chain and branched-chain alkyl groups such as propyl, isopropyl and tert-butyl, and  
 5 (3-8C)cycloalkyl groups such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl. However references to individual alkyl groups such as "propyl" are specific for the straight-chain version only, references to individual branched-chain alkyl groups such as "isopropyl" are specific for the branched-chain version only and references to individual cycloalkyl groups such as "cyclopentyl" are specific for that 5-membered ring  
 10 only. An analogous convention applies to other generic terms, for example (1-6C)alkoxy includes methoxy, ethoxy, cyclopropyloxy and cyclopentyloxy, (1-6C)alkylamino includes methylamino, ethylamino, cyclobutylamino and cyclohexylamino, and di-[(1-6Calkyl]amino includes dimethylamino, diethylamino, N-cyclobutyl-N-methylamino and N-cyclohexyl-N-ethylamino.

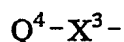
15 The term "aryl" refers to aromatic hydrocarbon rings such as phenyl or naphthyl. The terms "heterocyclic" or "heterocyclyl" include ring structures that may be mono- or bicyclic and contain from 3 to 15 atoms, at least one of which, and suitably from 1 to 4 of which, is a heteroatom such as oxygen, sulphur or nitrogen. Rings may be aromatic, non-aromatic or partially aromatic in the sense that one ring of a fused ring system may  
 20 be aromatic and the other non-aromatic. Particular examples of such ring systems include furyl, benzofuranyl, tetrahydrofuryl, chromanyl, thienyl, benzothienyl, pyridyl, piperidiny, quinolyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoliny, isoquinolyl, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoliny, pyraziny, piperaziny, pyrimidiny, pyridaziny, quinoxaliny, quinazoliny, cinnoliny, pyrroly, pyrrolidiny, indoly, indoliny, imidazolyl,  
 25 benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl, indazolyl, oxazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, benzothiazolyl, isothiazolyl, morpholiny, 4H-1,4-benzoxazinyl, 4H-1,4-benzothiazinyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, dibenzothienyl oxiranyl, oxetanyl, azetidiny, tetrahydropyranyl, oxepanyl, oxazepanyl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, 1,1-dioxotetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl,  
 30 homopiperidiny, homopiperazinyl, dihydropyridiny, tetrahydropyridiny, dihydropyrimidiny, tetrahydropyrimidiny, tetrahydrothienyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl or thiomorpholiny.

Where rings include nitrogen atoms, these may carry a hydrogen atom or a substituent group such as an (C1-6)alkyl group if required to fulfil the bonding requirements of nitrogen, or they may be linked to the rest of the structure by way of the nitrogen atom. A nitrogen atom within a heterocyclyl group may be oxidized to give the  
5 corresponding N oxide.

The term "heteroaryl" however refers to heterocyclic groups which are completely aromatic in nature. Particular examples of such ring systems include furyl, benzofuranyl, thienyl, benzothienyl, pyridyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pyrrolyl, indolyl, indolinyl,  
10 imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl, indazolyl, oxazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, benzothiazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, dibenzofuranyl or dibenzothienyl

In particular, in the compounds of formula (I), R<sup>1a</sup> is a group of sub-formula (i), and R<sup>1b</sup> is a group R<sup>1</sup> as defined in claim 1.

15 Particular examples of groups R<sup>1</sup> are hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



wherein X<sup>3</sup> is a direct bond or is O or S (particularly a direct bond or O), and Q<sup>4</sup> is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl,  
20 (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl, and wherein any alkyl or alkylene group within a R<sup>1</sup> substituent optionally bears one or more halogeno, (1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfanyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  
25 N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino and N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino.

In particular R<sup>1</sup> is selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkoxy and  
30 (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, wherein any (1-6C)alkoxy group in R<sup>1</sup> optionally bears one or more hydroxy substituents (suitably 1 or 2) and/or a substituent selected from amino, (1-4C)alkylamino, di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino, carbamoyl, N-(1-4C)alkylcarbamoyl and

N,N-di-[(1-4C)alkyl]carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, N-(1-4C)alkylsulfamoyl and N,N-di-[(1-4C)alkyl]sulfamoyl.

For instance,  $R^1$  is selected from hydrogen, (1-6C)alkoxy and (1-4C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, and wherein any (1-6C)alkoxy group within  $R^1$  optionally  
 5 bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy, fluoro and chloro, for example  $R^1$  is selected from methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, cyclopropylmethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, 2-fluoroethoxy, 2-methoxyethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutoxy.

In particular  $R^1$  is selected from hydrogen, (1-4C)alkoxy and  
 10 (1-4C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkoxy. For instance,  $R^1$  is selected from hydrogen, methoxy, ethoxy and 2-methoxyethoxy and 2-hydroxyethoxy. A particular example of a group  $R^1$  is methoxy.

In a particular embodiment,  $X^2$  or  $X^1$  is a group  $C(R^4R^5)_m$ , wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$ , which may be the same or different, are selected from hydrogen, (1-4C)alkyl,  
 15 hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl or halo(1-2)alkyl, such as  $CH_2CH_2F$ ,  $CH_2CHF_2$  or  $CH_2CF_3$ . Where  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  together with the carbon atom(s) to which they are attached form a (3-7C) cycloalkyl ring, it is preferably that both  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  groups are on the same carbon atom. Thus a particular example of such a group is a cyclopropyl group.

In particular,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen. Suitably  $m$  is 1 or 0.

20 In a particular embodiment,  $X^2$  is a direct bond.

$X^1$  is suitably a direct bond or an (1-6C) alkylene group such as methyl, and in particular is a direct bond.

$Z$  is suitably selected from  $C(O)$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $-C(O)NR^{10}$  or  $-C(O)O-$  where  $R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (1-3C)alkyl such as methyl.

25 Preferably any  $R^{10}$  group is hydrogen.

Most preferably  $Z$  is  $C(O)$ .

A suitable value for  $Q^1$  when it is (3-7C)cycloalkyl is, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl.

When  $Q^1$  is heterocyclyl it is suitably a non-aromatic saturated (i.e. with the  
 30 maximum degree of saturation) or partially saturated (i.e. ring systems retaining some, but not the full, degree of unsaturation) 3 to 10 membered monocyclic ring with up to five heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur (but not containing any O-O, O-S or S-S bonds), and linked via a ring carbon atom, or a ring nitrogen atom (provided the

- ring is not thereby quaternised). Suitable values for  $Q^1$  include for example, oxiranyl, oxetanyl, azetidiny, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, oxepanyl, oxazepanyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, 1,1-dioxotetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, 5 homopiperazinyl, dihydropyridinyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydrothienyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, more specifically including for example, tetrahydrofuran-3-yl, tetrahydrofuran-2-yl-, tetrahydropyran-4-yl, tetrahydrothien-3-yl, tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, pyrrolidin-3-yl, pyrrolidin-2-yl, 3-pyrrolin-3yl-, morpholino, 1,1-dioxotetrahydro-4H-1,4-thiazin-4-yl, 10 piperidino, piperidin-4-yl, piperidin-3-yl, piperidin-2-yl, homopiperidin-3-yl, homopiperidin-4-yl, piperazin-1-yl, 1,4-oxazepanyl, or 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl. A nitrogen or sulfur atom within a heterocyclyl group may be oxidized to give the corresponding N or S oxide(s), for example 1,1-dioxotetrahydrothienyl, 1-oxotetrahydrothienyl, 1,1-dioxotetrahydrothiopyranyl or 1-oxotetrahydrothiopyranyl. 15 A suitable value for such a group which bears 1 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents is, for example, 2-oxopyrrolidinyl, 2-oxopiperazinyl, 2-thioxopyrrolidinyl, 2-oxopiperidinyl, 2,5-dioxopyrrolidinyl or 2,6-dioxopiperidinyl.

- Particular values for  $Q^1$  include, for example, non-aromatic saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered monocyclic heterocyclyl rings with 1 ring nitrogen or sulfur 20 heteroatom and optionally 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur. Examples of such rings include azetidiny, oxazepanyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl, dihydropyridinyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydrothienyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl or thiomorpholinyl. 25 Further particular values for  $Q^1$  include, for example, non-aromatic saturated or partially saturated 3 to 7 membered monocyclic heterocyclyl rings with 1 ring nitrogen heteroatom and optionally 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen and sulfur, which rings are linked to  $X^2-O$  by a ring carbon atom, such as, for example, azetidiny, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, 30 piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl, dihydropyridinyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl or thiomorpholinyl. More particularly  $Q^1$  is a non-aromatic saturated or partially saturated 4, 5 or 6 membered monocyclic heterocyclyl ring with 1 or 2 ring nitrogen heteroatom(s), which ring is linked to the



group  $X^2-O-$  by a ring carbon atom, more particularly pyrrolidin-3-yl, pyrrolidin-2-yl, 3-pyrrolin-3-yl-, piperidin-4-yl, piperidin-3-yl, piperidin-2-yl, homopiperidin-3-yl, homopiperidin-4-yl, piperazin-2-yl, piperazin-3-yl, or 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl. A nitrogen atom within a heterocyclyl group may be oxidized to give the corresponding N  
5 oxide.

In a particular embodiment,  $Q^1$  is piperidin-4-yl.

Suitably, the group  $Q^2-X^1-Z-$  is linked to a nitrogen atom on a heterocyclic  $Q^1$ , in particular when the group Z is a carbonyl group C(O).

The group  $Q^1$  optionally carries further substituents.

- 10 In one embodiment, any available nitrogen in a heterocyclic  $Q^1$  optionally bears a substituent (where such substitution does not result in quaternization) selected from trifluoromethyl, cyano, carbamoyl, trifluoromethyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, 15 (2-6C)alkanoyl, sulfamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl and (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl(1-6C)alkyl, 20 wherein any (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl and (2-6C)alkanoyl group within an optional substituent on an available nitrogen is optionally substituted by one or more substituents, which maybe the same or different, selected from fluoro, chloro, hydroxy and (1-4C)alkyl, and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, nitro, carboxy, (1-4C)alkoxy, hydroxy(1-4C)alkoxy and  $NR^aR^b$ , wherein  $R^a$  is hydrogen or 25 (1-4C)alkyl and  $R^b$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl.

- $Q^1$  optionally bears on any available carbon atom in the ring 1 or 2 (suitably 1) substituents selected from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, (1-4C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkenyl, (2-6C)alkynyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, 30 N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, hydroxy(1-6C)alkyl, cyano(1-6C)alkyl, amino(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkylamino(1-6C)alkyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino(1-6C)alkyl and (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkyl.

$Q^1$  optionally also bears 1 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents.

In particular however,  $Q^1$  carries no substituents other than the group  $Q^2-X^1-Z$ .

Suitably  $Q^2$  is a 5 or 6-membered heteroaryl ring which optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen or sulphur. In particular,  $Q^2$  is selected from furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, 5 imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, thiadiazolyl or tetrazolyl.

Particular examples include 5- membered rings such as furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, thiadiazolyl or tetrazolyl.

10 A particular example of a group  $Q^2$  is isoxazolyl.

Suitable substituents for the group  $Q^2$  include  $Q^2$  optionally bears 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl,

and wherein any (1-6C)alkyl, or (2-6C)alkanoyl group within  $Q^2$  optionally bears 15 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, hydroxy and (1-6C)alkyl and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy and  $NR^aR^b$ , wherein  $R^a$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and  $R^b$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl in  $R^a$  or  $R^b$  optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) 20 which may be the same or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, and (1-4C)alkoxy,

or  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4, 5 or 6 membered ring which does not contain oxygen, which ring optionally bears 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, on an available ring carbon atom 25 selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl and (1-3C)alkylenedioxy, and may optionally bear on any available ring nitrogen a substituent (provided the ring is not thereby quaternised) selected from (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl or (2-4C)alkanoyl group present as a substituent on the ring formed by  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached 30 optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3), which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from (1-4C)alkyl and (1-4C)alkoxy.

Particular examples of substituents for  $Q^2$  one or two groups, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and halogeno (particularly chloro and more particularly fluoro),

and wherein any (2-4C)alkanoyl group in a substituent on  $Q^2$  optionally bears one  
5 or two substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy and (1-3C)alkyl,

and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl group in a substituent on  $Q^2$  optionally bears one or two substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy, (1-4C)alkoxy and halogeno (particularly chloro and more particularly fluoro).

10 Suitably  $Q^2$  is unsubstituted or substituted by a (1-4C)alkyl group such as methyl.  $R^2$  is suitably hydrogen or (1-3C)alkyl such as methyl, but in particular is hydrogen.

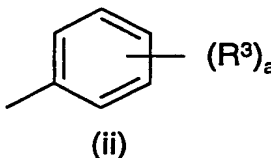
In an embodiment of the invention, a is 1, 2 or 3.

Examples of suitable  $R^3$  substituents are halogeno, carbamoyl, trifluoromethyl,  
15 (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, or N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl.

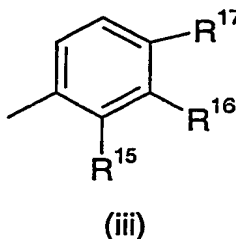
In a particular embodiment, when  $R^3$  is in the para position on the anilino ring it is selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, trifluoromethyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy,  
20 (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylamino and di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino.

In a particular embodiment at least one  $R^3$ , and suitable all  $R^3$  groups are halogeno, such as chloro or fluoro.

Particular examples of the group of sub-formula (ii)



25 in formula (I) are groups of sub-formula in formula (I) are groups of sub-formula (iii)



where one of R<sup>15</sup> or R<sup>17</sup> is hydrogen and the other is halogeno, such as chloro or fluoro, and preferably fluoro, and R<sup>16</sup> is halogeno such as chloro or fluoro and particularly chloro.

Particular examples of such groups are 3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl, or 3-chloro-4-  
5 fluorophenyl.

Suitable values for any of the various groups within formula (I) as defined hereinbefore or hereafter in this specification include:-

	for halogeno	fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
	for (1-6C)alkyl:	methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, <u>tert</u> -butyl, pentyl and hexyl;
10	for (1-4C)alkyl:	methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl and <u>tert</u> -butyl;
	for (1-6C)alkoxy:	methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy and butoxy;
	for (2-8C)alkenyl:	vinyl, isopropenyl, allyl and but-2-enyl;
15	for (2-8C)alkynyl:	ethynyl, 2-propynyl and but-2-ynyl;
	for (2-6C)alkenyloxy:	vinylloxy and allyloxy;
	for (2-6C)alkynyloxy:	ethynyloxy and 2-propynyloxy;
	for (1-6C)alkylthio:	methylthio, ethylthio and propylthio;
	for (2-6C)alkenylthio:	vinylthio and allylthio;
20	for (2-6C)alkynylthio:	ethynylthio and 2-propynylthio
	for (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl:	methylsulfinyl and ethylsulfinyl;
	for (2-6C)alkenylsulfinyl:	vinylsulfinyl and allylsulfinyl;
	for (2-6C)alkynylsulfinyl:	ethynylsulfinyl and 2-propynylsulfinyl
	for (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl:	methylsulfonyl and ethylsulfonyl;
25	for (2-6C)alkenylsulfonyl:	vinylsulfonyl and allylsulfonyl;
	for (2-6C)alkynylsulfonyl:	ethynylsulfonyl and 2-propynylsulfonyl;
	for (1-6C)alkylamino:	methylamino, ethylamino, propylamino, isopropylamino and butylamino;
	for di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino:	dimethylamino, diethylamino, <u>N</u> -ethyl- <u>N</u> -methylamino and diisopropylamino;
30	for (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl:	methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl and <u>tert</u> -butoxycarbonyl;
	for <u>N</u> -(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl:	<u>N</u> -methylcarbamoyl, <u>N</u> -ethylcarbamoyl,

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- for N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl:  
 for (2-6C)alkanoyl:  
 5 for (2-6C)alkanoyloxy:  
 for (2-6C)alkanoylamino:  
 for N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino:  
 for N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl:  
 10 for N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl:  
 for (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino:  
 for N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino:  
 15 for amino-(1-6C)alkyl:  
 for (1-6C)alkylamino-(1-6C)alkyl:  
 20 for di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(1-6C)alkyl:  
 25 for halogeno-(1-6C)alkyl:  
 for hydroxy-(1-6C)alkyl:  
 30 for hydroxy-(1-6C)alkoxy:  
 for (1-6C)alkoxy-(1-6C)alkyl:
- N-propylcarbamoyl and N-isopropylcarbamoyl;  
N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl, N-ethyl-  
N-methylcarbamoyl and N,N-diethylcarbamoyl;  
 acetyl, propionyl and isobutyryl;  
 acetoxy and propionyloxy;  
 acetamido and propionamido;  
N-methylacetamido and N-methylpropionamido;  
N-methylsulfamoyl, N-ethylsulfamoyl and  
N-isopropylsulfamoyl;  
N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl and  
N-methyl-N-ethylsulfamoyl;  
 methanesulfonylamino and  
 ethanesulfonylamino;  
N-methylmethanesulfonylamino and  
N-methylethanesulfonylamino;  
 aminomethyl, 2-aminoethyl, 1-aminoethyl and  
 3-aminopropyl;  
 methylaminomethyl, ethylaminomethyl,  
 1-methylaminoethyl, 2-methylaminoethyl,  
 2-ethylaminoethyl and 3-methylaminopropyl;  
 dimethylaminomethyl, diethylaminomethyl,  
 1-dimethylaminoethyl, 2-dimethylaminoethyl  
 and  
 3-dimethylaminopropyl;  
 chloromethyl, 2-chloroethyl, 1-chloroethyl and  
 3-chloropropyl;  
 hydroxymethyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 1-hydroxyethyl  
 and  
 3-hydroxypropyl;  
 hydroxymethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy,  
 1-hydroxyethoxy and 3-hydroxypropoxy;  
 methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, 1-methoxyethyl,  
 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl and

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- for cyano-(1-6C)alkyl: 3-methoxypropyl;  
cyanomethyl, 2-cyanoethyl, 1-cyanoethyl and  
3-cyanopropyl;
- for amino(2-6C)alkanoyl: aminoacetyl and 2-aminopropionyl;
- 5 for (1-6C)alkylamino-(2-6C)alkanoyl: methylaminoacetyl and  
3-(methylamino)propionyl;
- for N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(2-6C)alkanoyl: di-methylaminoacetyl and  
3-(di-methylamino)propionyl;
- for (2-6C)alkanoylamino-(1-6C)alkyl: acetamidomethyl, propionamidomethyl and  
10 2-acetamidoethyl;
- for N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino(1-6C)alkyl:  
N-methylacetamidomethyl,  
N-methylpropionamidomethyl,  
2-(N-methylacetamido)ethyl and  
15 2-(N-methylpropionamido)ethyl;
- for (1-6C)alkoxycarbonylamino-(1-6C)alkyl:  
methoxycarbonylaminomethyl,  
ethoxycarbonylaminomethyl,  
tert-butoxycarbonylaminomethyl and  
20 2-methoxycarbonylaminoethyl;
- for carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl: carbamoylmethyl, 1-carbamoylethyl,  
2-carbamoylethyl and 3-carbamoylpropyl;
- for N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl: N-methylcarbamoylmethyl,  
N-ethylcarbamoylmethyl,  
25 N-propylcarbamoylmethyl,  
1-(N-methylcarbamoyl)ethyl,  
2-(N-methylcarbamoyl)ethyl and  
3-(N-methylcarbamoyl)propyl;
- for N,N di-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl: N,N-dimethylcarbamoylmethyl,  
30 N,N-diethylcarbamoylmethyl, N  
methyl,N-ethylcarbamoylmethyl, 1-(  
N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl)ethyl,  
1-(N,N-diethylcarbamoyl)ethyl,

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- for sulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl:
- 5 2-(N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl)ethyl,  
2-(N,N-diethylcarbamoyl)ethyl and  
3-(N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl)propyl;  
sulfamoylmethyl, 1-sulfamoylethyl,  
2-sulfamoylethyl and 3-sulfamoylpropyl;
- for N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl: N-methylsulfamoylmethyl,  
N-ethylsulfamoylmethyl,  
N-propylsulfamoylmethyl,  
1-(N-methylsulfamoyl)ethyl,  
10 2-(N-methylsulfamoyl)ethyl and  
3-(N-methylsulfamoyl)propyl;
- for N,N di-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl(1-6C)alkyl: N,N-dimethylsulfamoylmethyl,  
N,N-diethylsulfamoylmethyl, N  
methyl,N-ethylsulfamoylmethyl, 1-(  
15 N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)ethyl,  
1-(N,N-diethylsulfamoyl)ethyl,  
2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)ethyl,  
2-(N,N-diethylsulfamoyl)ethyl and  
3-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)propyl;
- 20 for (2-6C)alkanoyl(1-6C)alkyl: acetylmethyl, propionylmethyl, 2-acetylethyl  
and 2-propionylethyl;
- for (2-6C)alkanoyloxy(1-6C)alkyl: acetoxymethyl, propionyloxymethyl,  
2-acetoxyethyl and 3-acetoxypropyl;
- for (1-6C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkylS(O)<sub>q</sub> : 2-methoxyethylsulfonyl,  
25 2-methoxyethylsulfinyl and  
2-methoxyethylthio;
- for amino(1-6C)alkylS(O)<sub>q</sub> : 2-aminoethylsulfonyl, 2-aminoethylsulfinyl and  
2-aminoethylthio;
- for N-(1-6C)alkylamino(1-6C)alkylS(O)<sub>q</sub>: 2-(methylamino)ethylsulfonyl,  
2-(ethylamino)ethylsulfinyl and  
30 2-(methylamino)ethylthio; and
- for N,N-di[(1-6C)alkyl]amino(1-6C)alkylS(O)<sub>q</sub>: 2-(dimethylamino)ethylsulfonyl,  
3-(dimethylamino)propylsulfonyl,

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2-(di-ethylamino)ethylsulfinyl and  
2-(N-methyl-N-ethylamino)ethylthio.

It is to be understood that when, R<sup>1</sup> is a group (1-6C)alkoxy substituted by, for example amino to give for example a 2-aminoethoxy group, it is the (1-6C)alkoxy group  
5 that is attached to the quinazoline ring. An analogous convention applies to the other groups defined herein.

When in this specification reference is made to a (1-4C)alkyl group it is to be understood that such groups refer to alkyl groups containing up to 4 carbon atoms. A skilled person will realise that representative examples of such groups are those listed  
10 above under (1-6C)alkyl that contain up to 4 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl and tert-butyl. Similarly, reference to a (1-3C)alkyl group refers to alkyl groups containing up to 3 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl and isopropyl. A similar convention is adopted for the other groups listed above such as (1-4C)alkoxy, (2-4C)alkenyl, (2-4C)alkynyl and (2-4C)alkanoyl.

15 In the compound of Formula I hydrogen atoms are present at the 2, 5 and 8 positions on the quinazoline ring.

It is to be understood that, insofar as certain of the compounds of Formula I defined above may exist in optically active or racemic forms by virtue of one or more asymmetrically substituted carbon and/or sulfur atoms, and accordingly may exist in, and  
20 be isolated as enantiomerically pure, a mixture of diastereoisomers or as a racemate. The present invention includes in its definition any racemic, optically-active, enantiomerically pure, mixture of diastereoisomers, stereoisomeric form of the compound of Formula (I), or mixtures thereof, which possesses the above-mentioned activity. The synthesis of optically active forms may be carried out by standard techniques of organic chemistry  
25 well known in the art, for example by synthesis from optically active starting materials or by resolution of a racemic form. Similarly, the above-mentioned activity may be evaluated using the standard laboratory techniques referred to hereinafter.

The invention relates to all tautomeric forms of the compounds of the Formula I that possess antiproliferative activity.

30 It is also to be understood that certain compounds of the Formula I may exist in solvated as well as unsolvated forms such as, for example, hydrated forms. It is to be understood that the invention encompasses all such solvated forms which possess antiproliferative activity.

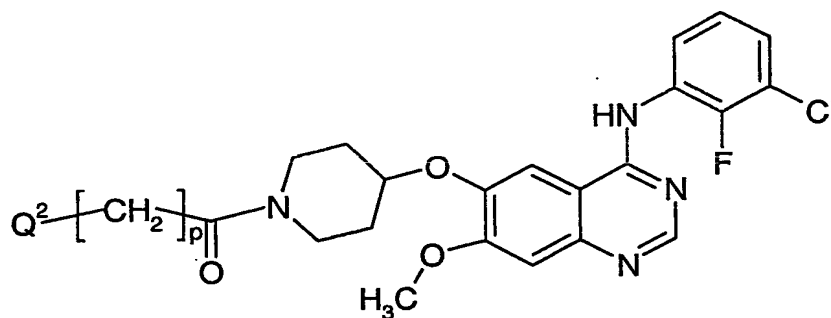


It is also to be understood that certain compounds of the Formula I may exhibit polymorphism, and that the invention encompasses all such forms which possess antiproliferative activity.

A suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable salt of a compound of the Formula I is, for example, an acid-addition salt of a compound of the Formula I, for example an acid-addition salt with an inorganic or organic acid such as hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulfuric, trifluoroacetic, citric or maleic acid; or, for example, a salt of a compound of the Formula I which is sufficiently acidic, for example an alkali or alkaline earth metal salt such as a calcium or magnesium salt, or an ammonium salt, or a salt with an organic base such as methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, piperidine, morpholine or tris-(2-hydroxyethyl)amine.

A preferred compound of the invention is, for example, a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I selected from the compounds illustrated in Tables 1 and Table II:

Table 1



Compound No.	Q <sup>2</sup>	P
1		0
2		1
3		0

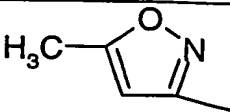
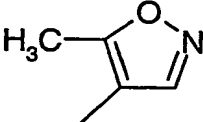
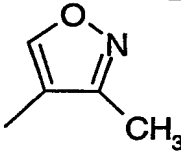
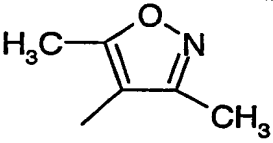
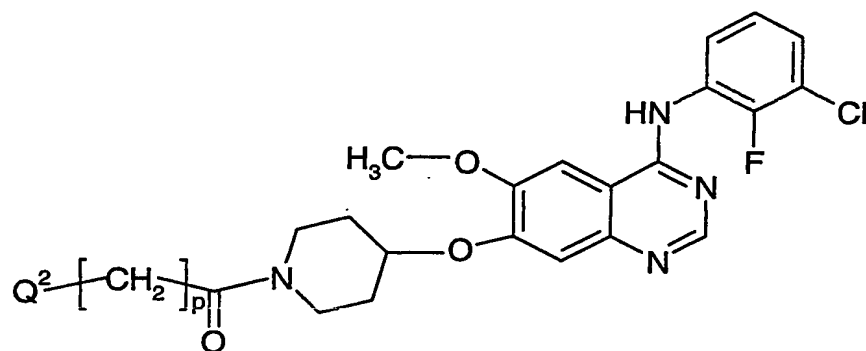
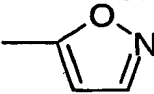
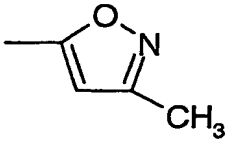
Compound No.	Q <sup>2</sup>	p
4		0
5		0
6		0
7		0

Table II



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Compound No.	Q <sup>2</sup>	p
8		0
9		1

A further aspect the present invention provides a process for preparing a quinazoline derivative of Formula I or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. It will be appreciated that during certain of the following processes certain substituents may  
5 require protection to prevent their undesired reaction. The skilled chemist will appreciate when such protection is required, and how such protecting groups may be put in place, and later removed.

For examples of protecting groups see one of the many general texts on the subject, for example, 'Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis' by Theodora Green  
10 (publisher: John Wiley & Sons). Protecting groups may be removed by any convenient method as described in the literature or known to the skilled chemist as appropriate for the removal of the protecting group in question, such methods being chosen so as to effect removal of the protecting group with minimum disturbance of groups elsewhere in the molecule.

15 Thus, if reactants include, for example, groups such as amino, carboxy or hydroxy it may be desirable to protect the group in some of the reactions mentioned herein.

A suitable protecting group for an amino or alkylamino group is, for example, an acyl group, for example an alkanoyl group such as acetyl, an alkoxycarbonyl group, for example a methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl or *t*-butoxycarbonyl group, an  
20 arylmethoxycarbonyl group, for example benzyloxycarbonyl, or an aroyl group, for example benzoyl. The deprotection conditions for the above protecting groups necessarily vary with the choice of protecting group. Thus, for example, an acyl group such as an alkanoyl or alkoxycarbonyl group or an aroyl group may be removed for example, by hydrolysis with a suitable base such as an alkali metal hydroxide, for example lithium or  
25 sodium hydroxide. Alternatively an acyl group such as a *t*-butoxycarbonyl group may be removed, for example, by treatment with a suitable acid as hydrochloric, sulfuric or phosphoric acid or trifluoroacetic acid and an arylmethoxycarbonyl group such as a benzyloxycarbonyl group may be removed, for example, by hydrogenation over a catalyst such as palladium-on-carbon, or by treatment with a Lewis acid for example boron  
30 tris(trifluoroacetate). A suitable alternative protecting group for a primary amino group is, for example, a phthaloyl group which may be removed by treatment with an alkylamine, for example dimethylaminopropylamine, or with hydrazine.

A suitable protecting group for a hydroxy group is, for example, an acyl group, for example an alkanoyl group such as acetyl, an aroyl group, for example benzoyl, or an arylmethyl group, for example benzyl. The deprotection conditions for the above protecting groups will necessarily vary with the choice of protecting group. Thus, for  
5 example, an acyl group such as an alkanoyl or an aroyl group may be removed, for example, by hydrolysis with a suitable base such as an alkali metal hydroxide, for example lithium, sodium hydroxide or ammonia. Alternatively an arylmethyl group such as a benzyl group may be removed, for example, by hydrogenation over a catalyst such as palladium-on-carbon.

10 A suitable protecting group for a carboxy group is, for example, an esterifying group, for example a methyl or an ethyl group which may be removed, for example, by hydrolysis with a base such as sodium hydroxide, or for example a *t*-butyl group which may be removed, for example, by treatment with an acid, for example an organic acid such as trifluoroacetic acid, or for example a benzyl group which may be removed, for  
15 example, by hydrogenation over a catalyst such as palladium-on-carbon.  
Resins may also be used as a protecting group.

The protecting groups may be removed at any convenient stage in the synthesis using conventional techniques well known in the chemical art.

A quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt  
20 thereof, may be prepared by any process known to be applicable to the preparation of chemically-related compounds. Such processes, when used to prepare a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, are provided as a further feature of the invention and are illustrated by the following representative examples. Necessary starting materials may be obtained by standard procedures of  
25 organic chemistry (see, for example, Advanced Organic Chemistry (Wiley-Interscience), Jerry March). The preparation of such starting materials is described within the accompanying non-limiting Examples. Alternatively, necessary starting materials are obtainable by analogous procedures to those illustrated which are within the ordinary skill of an organic chemist. Information on the preparation of necessary starting materials or  
30 related compounds (which may be adapted to form necessary starting materials) may also be found in the following Patent and Application Publications, the contents of the relevant process sections of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference: WO94/27965, WO 95/03283, WO 96/33977, WO 96/33978, WO 96/33979, WO 96/33980, WO 96/33981,

WO 97/30034, WO 97/38994, WO01/66099, US 5,252,586, EP 520 722, EP 566 226, EP 602 851 and EP 635 507.

The present invention also provides methods for preparing quinazoline derivatives of the Formula I, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, as outlined below.

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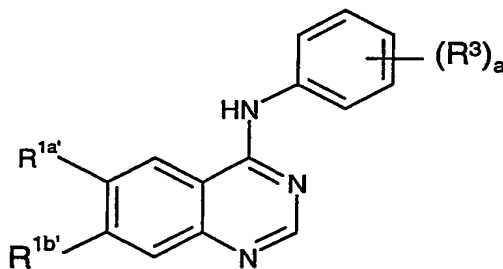
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Resins may also be used as a protecting group.

The protecting groups may be removed at any convenient stage in the synthesis using conventional techniques well known in the chemical art.

The present invention also provides that quinazoline derivatives of the Formula I,  
 20 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, can be prepared by a process (a) to (i) as follows (wherein the variables are as defined above unless otherwise stated) :

**Process (a)** By reacting a compound of the Formula II:



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Formula II

wherein  $R^3$  and  $a$  are as defined in relation to formula (I), one of  $R^{1a'}$  or  $R^{1b'}$  is hydroxy and the other is a group  $R^1$  as defined in relation to formula (I), except that any functional group is protected if necessary,

with a compound of the Formula III:



Formula III

wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ ,  $Z$ ,  $X^2$  and  $X^1$  have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that  
 5 any functional group is protected if necessary and  $Lg$  is a displaceable group, wherein the reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable base,

and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

A convenient displaceable group  $Lg$  is, for example, a halogeno, alkanesulfonyloxy  
 10 or arylsulfonyloxy group, for example a chloro, bromo, methanesulfonyloxy, 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyloxy or toluene-4-sulfonyloxy group (suitably a methanesulfonyloxy, 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyloxy or toluene-4-sulfonyloxy group).

The reaction is advantageously carried out in the presence of base. A suitable base is, for example, an organic amine base such as, for example, pyridine, 2,6-lutidine,  
 15 collidine, 4-dimethylaminopyridine, triethylamine, N-methylmorpholine or diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, or for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal carbonate or hydroxide, for example sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, cesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide. Alternatively such a base is, for example, an alkali metal hydride, for example sodium hydride, an  
 20 alkali metal or alkaline earth metal amide, for example sodium amide or sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, or a sufficiently basic alkali metal halide, for example cesium fluoride or sodium iodide. The reaction is suitably effected in the presence of an inert solvent or diluent, for example an alkanol or ester such as methanol, ethanol, 2-propanol or ethyl acetate, a halogenated solvent such as methylene chloride, trichloromethane or  
 25 carbon tetrachloride, an ether such as tetrahydrofuran or 1,4-dioxan, an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent such as toluene, or (suitably) a dipolar aprotic solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one or dimethylsulfoxide. The reaction is conveniently effected at a temperature in the range, for example, 10 to 150°C (or the boiling point of the solvent), suitably in the range 20 to  
 30 90°C.

When  $X^2$  is a direct bond a particularly suitable base is cesium fluoride. This reaction is suitably performed in an inert dipolar aprotic solvent such as N,N-

dimethylacetamide or N,N-dimethylformamide. The reaction is suitably carried out at a temperature of from 25 to 85°C.

**Process (b)** By modifying a substituent in or introducing a substituent into another quinazoline derivative of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as  
 5 hereinbefore defined except that any functional group is protected if necessary, and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

Methods for converting substituents into other substituents are known in the art. For example an alkylthio group may be oxidised to an alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl group, a cyano group reduced to an amino group, a nitro group reduced to an amino  
 10 group, a hydroxy group alkylated to a methoxy group, a carbonyl group converted to a thiocarbonyl group (eg. using Lawesson's reagent), a bromo group converted to an alkylthio group, an amino group may be acylated to give an alkanoylamino group (for example by reaction with a suitable acid chloride or acid anhydride) or an alkanoyloxy group may be hydrolysed to a hydroxy group (for example an acetyloxyacetyl group may  
 15 be converted to a hydroxyacetyl group) Conveniently, one  $R^1$  group may be converted into another  $R^1$  group as a final step in the preparation of a compound of the Formula I. It is also possible to introduce a substituent onto the group  $Q^1$  as a final step in the preparation of a compound of the Formula I. For example when the compound of Formula I contains primary or secondary amino group, for example an NH group in the  
 20 ring  $Q^1$ , a substituent may be added to the nitrogen atom of the primary or secondary amino group by reacting the compound of the Formula I containing a primary or secondary amino group with a compound of the formula  $R-Lg$ , wherein  $Lg$  is a displaceable group (for example halogeno such as chloro or bromo) and  $R$  is the required substituent (for example (1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, cyano, cyano(1-6C)alkyl, (1-  
 25 6C)alkylsulfonyl, carbamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl(1-6C)alkyl sulfamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl or a group  $Q^2-X^3$ -, wherein  $Q^2-X^3$ - are as hereinbefore defined, which groups may be optionally substituted as hereinbefore defined). The reactions described  
 30 above are conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable base (such as those described above in process (a), for example potassium carbonate, sodium iodide or diisopropylethylamine) and conveniently in the presence of an inert solvent or diluent (for example the inert solvents and diluents described in process (a) such as N,N-



dimethylacetamide, methanol, ethanol or methylene chloride). Conveniently, when  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  carries, for example an (2-6C)alkanoyl or (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl group, which is substituted by a group  $NR^aR^b$ , as hereinbefore defined, the  $NR^aR^b$  group may be introduced by reaction of a compound of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  carries a group of the formula  $Lg-(2-6C)alkanoyl$  or  $Lg-(1-6C)alkylsulfonyl$ , wherein  $Lg$  is a suitable displaceable group such as chloro, with a compound of the formula  $NHR^aR^b$ ; wherein the reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable base and optionally in a suitable inert solvent or diluent. For example a pyrrolidin-1-ylacetyl group on  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  may be prepared by reacting a compound of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  is substituted by a chloroacetyl group with pyrrolidine, analogous procedures may be used to prepare substituents on  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  such as morpholinoacetyl, N-methylaminoacetyl, N,N-dimethylaminoacetyl. Similarly, for example a 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propylsulfonyl substituent on  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  may be prepared by reacting a compound of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  carries a 3-chloropropylsulfonyl substituent with di-methylamine.

Further examples of modifying or converting substituents into other substituents are well known to those skilled in the art and further methods are contained in the accompanying non-limiting Examples.

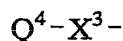
**Process (c)** By reacting a compound of the Formula II as hereinbefore defined with a compound of the Formula III as defined hereinbefore except  $Lg$  is OH under Mitsunobu conditions, and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

Suitable Mitsunobu conditions include, for example, reaction in the presence of a suitable tertiary phosphine and a di-alkylazodicarboxylate in an organic solvent such as THF, or suitably dichloromethane and in the temperature range  $0^\circ\text{C}$  -  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , but suitably at ambient temperature. A suitable tertiary phosphine includes for example tri-n-butylphosphine or suitably tri-phenylphosphine. A suitable di-alkylazodicarboxylate includes for example diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) or suitably di-tert-butyl azodicarboxylate. Details of Mitsunobu reactions are contained in Tet. Letts., 31, 699, (1990); The Mitsunobu Reaction, D.L.Hughes, Organic Reactions, 1992, Vol.42, 335-656 and Progress in the Mitsunobu Reaction, D.L.Hughes, Organic Preparations and Procedures International, 1996, Vol.28, 127-164.

**Process (d)** For the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein the group  $R^1$  is a hydroxy group by the cleavage of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is a (1-6C)alkoxy group.

The cleavage reaction may conveniently be carried out by any of the many  
 5 procedures known for such a transformation. The cleavage reaction of a compound of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is a (1-6C)alkoxy group may be carried out, for example, by treatment of the quinazoline derivative with an alkali metal (1-6C)alkylsulfide such as sodium ethanethiolate or, for example, by treatment with an alkali metal diarylphosphide such as lithium diphenylphosphide. Alternatively the cleavage reaction may conveniently  
 10 be carried out, for example, by treatment of the quinazoline derivative with a boron or aluminium trihalide such as boron tribromide, or by reaction with an organic or inorganic acid, for example trifluoroacetic acid. Such reactions are suitably carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore. A preferred cleavage reaction is the treatment of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I with  
 15 pyridine hydrochloride. The cleavage reactions are suitably carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, of from 10 to 150°C, for example from 25 to 80°C.

**Process (e)** For the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is a (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



20 wherein  $X^3$  is O and  $Q^4$  is as defined above, by the reaction of a compound of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is OH, except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with a compound of the formula  $R^{1'} - Lg$ , wherein  $R^{1'}$  is a (1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkenyl, (2-6C)alkynyl, or a group  $Q^4$  where  $Q^4$  is as defined above, and Lg is a displaceable group, wherein the reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable base;  
 25 and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

Suitable displaceable groups, Lg, are as hereinbefore defined for process a, for example chloro or bromo. The reaction is suitably performed in the presence of a suitable base. Suitable solvents, diluents and bases include, for example those hereinbefore described in  
 30 relation to process (a).

**Process (f)** For the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  or  $R^1$  contains a (1-6C)alkoxy or substituted (1-6C)alkoxy group or a (1-6C)alkylamino or substituted (1-6C)alkylamino group, the alkylation, conveniently in the presence of a

suitable base as defined hereinbefore for process a, of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  or  $R^1$  contains a hydroxy group or a primary or secondary amino group as appropriate.

A suitable alkylating agent is, for example, any agent known in the art for the  
5 alkylation of hydroxy to alkoxy or substituted alkoxy, or for the alkylation of amino to  
alkylamino or substituted alkylamino, for example an alkyl or substituted alkyl halide, for  
example a (1-6C)alkyl chloride, bromide or iodide or a substituted (1-6C)alkyl chloride,  
bromide or iodide, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore,  
in a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore and at a temperature in the  
10 range, for example, 10 to 140°C, conveniently at or near ambient temperature. An  
analogous procedure may be used to introduce optionally substituted (2-6C)alkanoyloxy,  
(2-6C)alkanoylamino and (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino groups into  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  or  $R^1$ .

Conveniently for the production of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  
 $Q^2$  or  $R^1$  contains a (1-6C)alkylamino or substituted (1-6C)alkylamino group, a reductive  
15 amination reaction may be employed using formaldehyde or a (2-6C)alkanolaldehyde (for  
example acetaldehyde or propionaldehyde). For example, for the production of those  
compounds of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  or  $R^1$  contains an N-methyl group, the  
corresponding compound containing a N-H group may be reacted with formaldehyde in  
the presence of a suitable reducing agent. A suitable reducing agent is, for example, a  
20 hydride reducing agent, for example formic acid, an alkali metal aluminium hydride such  
as lithium aluminium hydride, or, suitably, an alkali metal borohydride such as sodium  
borohydride, sodium cyanoborohydride, sodium triethylborohydride, sodium  
trimethoxyborohydride and sodium triacetoxymethylborohydride. The reaction is conveniently  
performed in a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example tetrahydrofuran and diethyl  
25 ether for the more powerful reducing agents such as lithium aluminium hydride, and, for  
example, methylene chloride or a protic solvent such as methanol and ethanol for the less  
powerful reducing agents such as sodium triacetoxymethylborohydride and sodium  
cyanoborohydride. When the reducing agent is formic acid the reaction is conveniently  
carried out using an aqueous solution of the formic acid. The reaction is performed at a  
30 temperature in the range, for example, 10 to 100°C, such as 70 to 90°C or, conveniently,  
at or near ambient temperature. Conveniently, when the reducing agent is formic acid,  
protecting groups such as tert-butoxycarbonyl on the NH group to be alkylated (for

example present from the synthesis of the starting material) may be removed in-situ during the reaction.

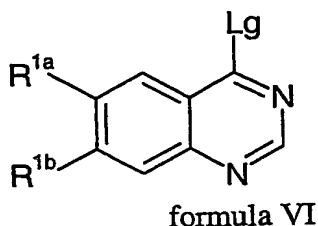
**Process (g)** For the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is substituted by a group T, wherein T is selected from (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl and (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, the reaction of a compound which is of formula (I) except that the group  $R^1$  is replaced with a group  $R^{1''}$ -Lg wherein Lg is a displaceable group (for example chloro or bromo), and  $R^{1''}$  is a group  $R^1$  except that it has Lg in place of the group T, and further that any functional group is protected if necessary, with a compound of the formula TH, wherein T is as defined above except that any functional group is protected if necessary;

and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

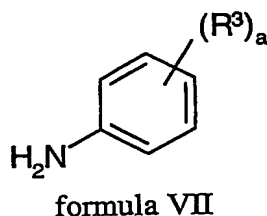
The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a suitable base. The reaction may conveniently be performed in a suitable inert solvent of diluent. Suitable bases, solvents and diluents are for example those described under process (a). The reaction is suitable performed at a temperature of for example, from 10 to 150°C, for example 30 to 60°C.

It will be appreciated that certain of the various ring substituents in the compounds of the present invention may be introduced by standard aromatic substitution reactions or generated by conventional functional group modifications either prior to or immediately following the processes mentioned above, and as such are included in the process aspect of the invention. Such reactions and modifications include, for example, introduction of a substituent by means of an aromatic substitution reaction, reduction of substituents, alkylation of substituents and oxidation of substituents. The reagents and reaction conditions for such procedures are well known in the chemical art. Particular examples of aromatic substitution reactions include the introduction of a nitro group using concentrated nitric acid, the introduction of an acyl group using, for example, an acyl halide and Lewis acid (such as aluminium trichloride) under Friedel Crafts conditions; the introduction of an alkyl group using an alkyl halide and Lewis acid (such as aluminium trichloride) under Friedel Crafts conditions; and the introduction of a halogeno group.

**Process (h)** By reacting a compound of the formula VI:



wherein R<sup>1a</sup> and R<sup>1b</sup> have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary and Lg is a displaceable group as hereinbefore  
 5 defined,  
 with an aniline of the formula VII:



wherein R<sup>3</sup> and a have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any  
 10 functional group is protected if necessary, and wherein the reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable acid,  
 and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.

Suitable displaceable groups represented by Lg are as hereinbefore defined, in  
 15 particular halogeno such as chloro.

The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example an alcohol or ester such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or ethyl acetate, a halogenated solvent such as methylene chloride, chloroform or carbon tetrachloride, an ether such as tetrahydrofuran or 1,4-dioxane, an aromatic solvent such as  
 20 toluene, or a dipolar aprotic solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one acetonitrile or dimethylsulfoxide. The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, 10 to 250°C, conveniently in the range 40 to 120°C or where a solvent or diluent is used at the reflux temperature. Conveniently, the compound of formula VI may be reacted with a  
 25 compound of the formula VII in the presence of a protic solvent such as isopropanol, conveniently in the presence of an acid, for example hydrogen chloride gas in diethyl

ether or dioxane, or hydrochloric acid, for example a 4M solution of hydrogen chloride in dioxane, under the conditions described above. Alternatively, this reaction may be conveniently carried out in an aprotic solvent, such as dioxane or a dipolar aprotic solvent such as N,N-dimethylacetamide or acetonitrile in the presence of an acid, for example  
 5 hydrogen chloride gas in diethyl ether or dioxane, or hydrochloric acid. The compound of the formula VI, wherein Lg is halogeno, may be reacted with a compound of the formula VII in the absence of an acid. In this reaction displacement of the halogeno leaving group Lg results in the formation of the acid HLg in-situ and auto-catalysis of the reaction. Conveniently the reaction is carried out in a suitable inert organic solvent, for  
 10 example isopropanol, dioxane or N,N-dimethylacetamide. Suitable conditions for this reaction are as described above.

Alternatively, the compound of formula VI may be reacted with a compound of the formula VII in the presence of a suitable base. Suitable bases for this reaction are as hereinbefore defined under Process (a). This reaction is conveniently performed in an  
 15 inert solvent or diluent, for example those mentioned above in relation to this process (i);  
**Process (i)**

For the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein Q<sup>1</sup> is a nitrogen containing heterocyclyl group linked to the -Z- group by a ring nitrogen, the coupling of a compound of the Formula I, as hereinbefore defined, except that the group of sub-  
 20 formula (i) is a group of sub-formula (x) H-Q<sup>1</sup>-X<sup>2</sup>-O-, and any functional group is protected if necessary, with a compound of formula Q<sup>2</sup>-X<sup>1</sup>-ZOH, wherein Z, Q<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>1</sup> are as defined above; and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means. This reaction is particularly suitable when Z is C(O) and so the compound of formula Q<sup>2</sup>-X<sup>1</sup>-ZOH is a carboxylic acid.

25 The coupling reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a suitable coupling agent, such as a carbodiimide (for example 1-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide), or a suitable peptide coupling agent, for example O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluoro-phosphate (HATU). The coupling reaction is conveniently carried out in an inert solvent such as, for example, a  
 30 halogenated solvent such as methylene chloride, or a dipolar aprotic solvent such as N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone. Suitably the coupling reaction is carried out in the presence of a suitable base, such as an organic

amine, for example di-isopropylethylamine or 4-dimethylaminopyridine. The coupling reaction is suitable performed at -25°C to 150°C, conveniently at ambient temperature.

Suitably, after any of these processes, any protecting groups are removed to produce a quinazoline derivative of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Suitable methods for removal of protecting groups are well known and are discussed herein. For example for the production of those compounds of the Formula I wherein R<sup>1a</sup> or R<sup>1b</sup> contains a primary or secondary amino group, the cleavage of the corresponding compound of Formula I wherein R<sup>1a</sup> or R<sup>1b</sup> contains a protected primary or secondary amino group.

Suitable protecting groups for an amino group are, for example, any of the protecting groups disclosed hereinbefore for an amino group. Suitable methods for the cleavage of such amino protecting groups are also disclosed hereinbefore. In particular, a suitable protecting group is a lower alkoxycarbonyl group such as a tert-butoxycarbonyl group which may be cleaved under conventional reaction conditions such as under acid-catalysed hydrolysis, for example in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid.

Persons skilled in the art will appreciate that, in order to obtain compounds of the invention in an alternative and in some occasions, more convenient manner, the individual process steps mentioned hereinbefore may be performed in different order, and/or the individual reactions may be performed at different stage in the overall route (i.e. chemical transformations may be performed upon different intermediates to those associated hereinbefore with a particular reaction).

When a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I is required, for example an acid-addition salt, it may be obtained by, for example, reaction of said quinazoline derivative with a suitable acid using a conventional procedure. To facilitate isolation of the compound during preparation, the compound may be prepared in the form of a salt that is not a pharmaceutically acceptable salt. The resulting salt can then be modified by conventional techniques to give a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound. Such techniques include, for example ion exchange techniques or re-precipitation of the compound in the presence of a pharmaceutically acceptable counter ion. For example re-precipitation in the presence of a suitable acid such as HCl to give a hydrochloride acid addition salt.

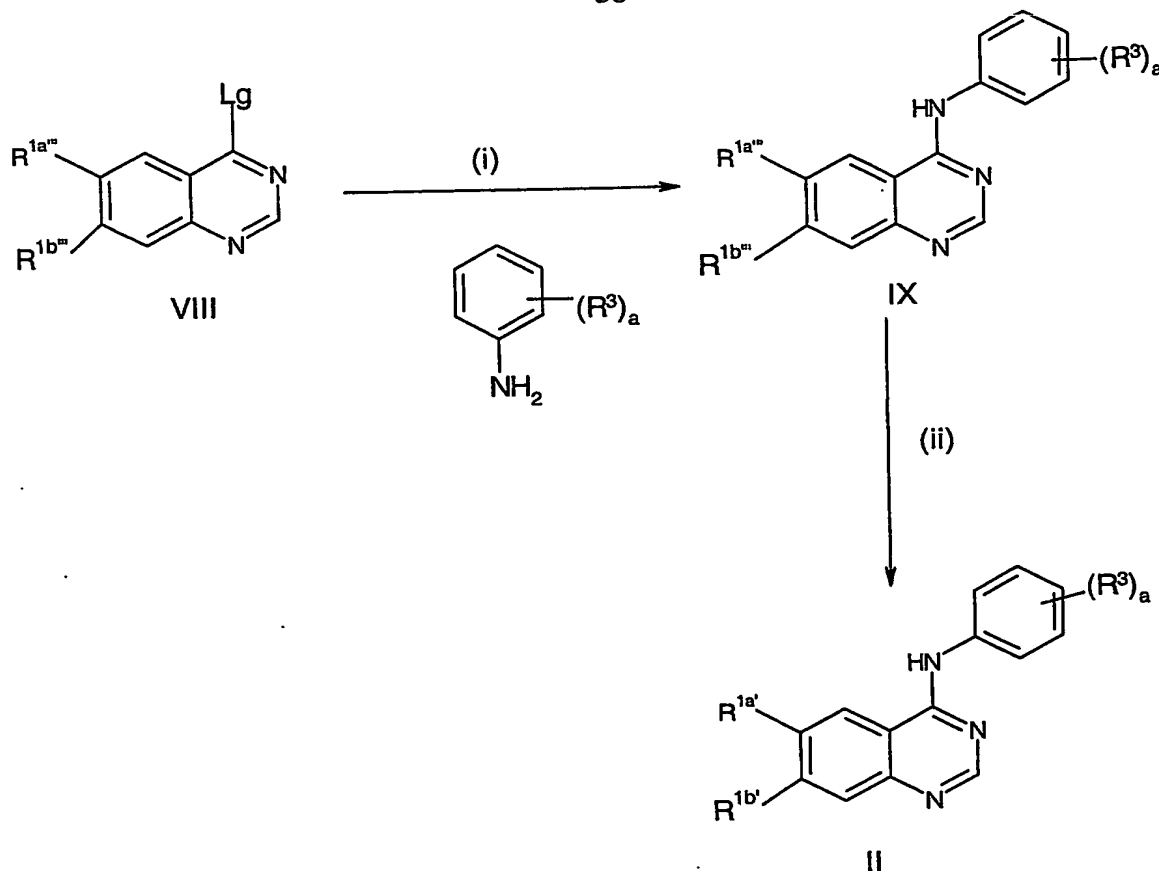
As mentioned hereinbefore some of the compounds according to the present invention may contain one or more chiral centers and may therefore exist as stereoisomers (for example when Q<sup>1</sup> contains a pyrrolidin-3-yl group). Stereoisomers may be separated using conventional techniques, e.g. chromatography or fractional crystallisation. The enantiomers may be isolated by separation of a racemate for example by fractional crystallisation, resolution or HPLC. The diastereomers may be isolated by separation by virtue of the different physical properties of the diastereoisomers, for example, by fractional crystallisation, HPLC or flash chromatography. Alternatively particular stereoisomers may be made by chiral synthesis from chiral starting materials under conditions which will not cause racemisation or epimerisation, or by derivatisation, with a chiral reagent. Examples of suitable chiral synthesis and separation of isomers are described in the Examples. When a specific stereoisomer is isolated it is suitably isolated substantially free for other stereoisomers, for example containing less than 20%, particularly less than 10% and more particularly less than 5% by weight of other stereoisomers.

In the section above the expression "inert solvent" refers to a solvent which does not react with the starting materials, reagents, intermediates or products in a manner which adversely affects the yield of the desired product.

#### Preparation of Starting Materials

Compounds of Formula II are commercially available or may be prepared using conventional techniques or analogous processes to those described in the prior art. In particular those patents and applications listed hereinbefore, such as WO96/15118, WO 01/66099 and EP 566 226. For example, the compounds of Formula II may be prepared in accordance with Reaction Scheme 1:





*Reaction Scheme 1*

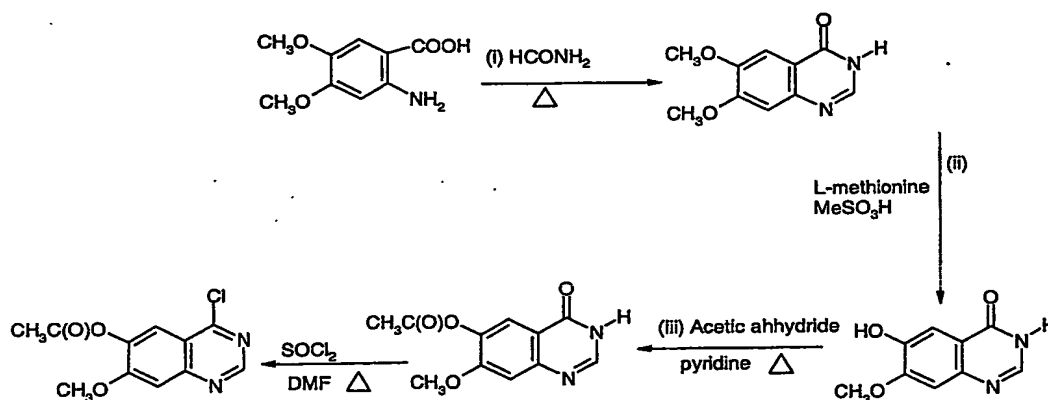
wherein  $R^3$ , and  $a$  are as hereinbefore defined, one of  $R^{1a'''}$  or  $R^{1b'''}$  is a group O-Pg where Pg is a hydroxy protecting group, and the other is a group  $R^1$  is as defined herein before, except that any functional groups are protected if necessary, and  $R^{1a'}$  and  $R^{1b'}$  are as defined above in relation to formula (II), except that any functional groups are protected if necessary.

(i) Reaction suitably in an inert protic solvent (such as an alkanol for example isopropanol), an aprotic solvent (such as dioxane) or a dipolar aprotic solvent (such as N,N-dimethylacetamide) in the presence of an acid, for example hydrogen chloride gas in diethyl ether or dioxane, or hydrochloric acid, under analogous conditions to those described above under process (i).

Alternatively the reaction may be carried out in one of the above inert solvents conveniently in the presence of a base, for example potassium carbonate. The above reactions are conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, 0 to 150°C, suitably at or near the reflux temperature of the reaction solvent.

(ii) Cleavage of Pg may be performed under standard conditions for such reactions. For example when Pg is an alkanoyl group such as acetyl, it may be cleaved by heating in the presence of a methanolic ammonia solution.

Compounds of formula VIII are known or can be prepared using known processes for the preparation of analogous compounds. If not commercially available, compounds of the formula (VIII) may be prepared by procedures which are selected from standard chemical techniques, techniques which are analogous to the synthesis of known, structurally similar compounds, or techniques which are analogous to the procedures described in the Examples. For example, standard chemical techniques are as described in Houben Weyl. By way of example the compound of the formula VIII in which the group  $R^{1b}$  is a group  $R^1$ , and this is methoxy, Lg is chloro and Pg is acetyl may be prepared using the process illustrated in Reaction Scheme 2:



Reaction scheme 2

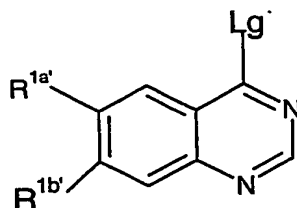
Reaction Scheme 2 may be generalised by the skilled man to apply to compounds within the present specification which are not specifically illustrated (for example to introduce a substituent other than methoxy at the 7-position in the quinazoline ring).

Compounds of the Formula III are commercially available or may be prepared using standard techniques.

Compounds of the Formula IV may be prepared using process (e) above, starting with a compound prepared, for example using Process (a).

Compounds of the formula V may be prepared using, for example process (a) or process (d) in which the group represented by  $R^1$  is appropriately functionalised with a suitable displaceable group Lg such as chloro or bromo.

Compounds of the formula VI may be prepared using conventional methods well known in the art. For example the hydroxy protecting group, Pg, in a compound of the formula VIII as hereinbefore described in Reaction Scheme 1 is removed to give the compound of the formula X:



X

wherein R<sup>1a'</sup> and R<sup>1b'</sup> are as defined above in relation to formula (II). The protecting group Pg may be removed from the compound of formula X using conventional

techniques.

The compound of the formula X may then be coupled with a compound of the Formula III as hereinbefore defined using analogous conditions to those described in Process (a) or Process (d).

Certain novel intermediates utilised in the above processes are provided as a further feature of the present invention together with the process for their preparation. In particular, any intermediates which include a complete sub-group (i) are novel.

#### Biological Assays

The following assays may be used to measure the effects of the compounds of the present invention as inhibitors of the erb-tyrosine kinases, as inhibitors *in-vitro* of the proliferation of KB cells (human naso-pharyngeal carcinoma cells) and as inhibitors *in vivo* on the growth in nude mice of xenografts of LoVo tumour cells (colorectal adenocarcinoma).

#### **a) Protein Tyrosine Kinase phosphorylation Assays**

This test measures the ability of a test compound to inhibit the phosphorylation of a tyrosine containing polypeptide substrate by EGFR tyrosine kinase enzyme.

Recombinant intracellular fragments of EGFR, erbB2 and erbB4 (accession numbers X00588, X03363 and L07868 respectively) were cloned and expressed in the baculovirus/Sf21 system. Lysates were prepared from these cells by treatment with ice-cold lysis buffer (20mM N-2-hydroxyethylpiperazine-N'-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) pH7.5, 150mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 1% Triton X-100, 1.5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1mM ethylene

glycol-bis( $\beta$ -aminoethyl ether) N',N',N',N'-tetraacetic acid (EGTA), plus protease inhibitors and then cleared by centrifugation.

Constitutive kinase activity of the recombinant protein was determined by its ability to phosphorylate a synthetic peptide (made up of a random co-polymer of Glutamic Acid, Alanine and Tyrosine in the ratio of 6:3:1). Specifically, Maxisorb™ 96-well immunoplates were coated with synthetic peptide (0.2 $\mu$ g of peptide in a 100 $\mu$ l phosphate buffered saline (PBS) solution and incubated at 4°C overnight). Plates were washed in PBS-T (phosphate buffered saline with 0.5% Tween 20) then in 50mM HEPES pH 7.4 at room temperature to remove any excess unbound synthetic peptide. EGFR, ErbB2 or ErbB4 tyrosine kinase activity was assessed by incubation in peptide coated plates for 20 minutes at 22°C in 100mM HEPES pH 7.4, adenosine trisphosphate (ATP) at Km concentration for the respective enzyme, 10mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1mM Na<sub>3</sub>VO<sub>4</sub>, 0.2mM DL-dithiothreitol (DTT), 0.1% Triton X-100 with test compound in DMSO (final concentration of 2.5%). Reactions were terminated by the removal of the liquid components of the assay followed by washing of the plates with PBS-T.

The immobilised phospho-peptide product of the reaction was detected by immunological methods. Firstly, plates were incubated for 90 minutes at room temperature with anti-phosphotyrosine primary antibodies that were raised in the mouse (4G10 from Upstate Biotechnology). Following extensive washing, plates were treated with Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) conjugated sheep anti-mouse secondary antibody (NXA931 from Amersham) for 60 minutes at room temperature. After further washing, HRP activity in each well of the plate was measured colorimetrically using 22'-Azino-di-[3-ethylbenzthiazoline sulfonate (6)] diammonium salt crystals (ABTS™ from Roche) as a substrate.

Quantification of colour development and thus enzyme activity was achieved by the measurement of absorbance at 405nm on a Molecular Devices ThermoMax microplate reader. Kinase inhibition for a given compound was expressed as an IC<sub>50</sub> value. This was determined by calculation of the concentration of compound that was required to give 50% inhibition of phosphorylation in this assay. The range of phosphorylation was calculated from the positive (vehicle plus ATP) and negative (vehicle minus ATP) control values.

**b) EGFR driven KB cell proliferation assay**

This assay measures the ability of a test compound to inhibit the proliferation of KB cells (human naso-pharyngeal carcinoma obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)).

- 5 KB cells (human naso-pharyngeal carcinoma obtained from the ATCC were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 10% foetal calf serum, 2 mM glutamine and non-essential amino acids at 37°C in a 7.5% CO<sub>2</sub> air incubator. Cells were harvested from the stock flasks using Trypsin/ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). Cell density was measured using a
- 10 haemocytometer and viability was calculated using trypan blue solution before being seeded at a density of  $1.25 \times 10^3$  cells per well of a 96 well plate in DMEM containing 2.5% charcoal stripped serum, 1mM glutamine and non-essential amino acids at 37°C in 7.5% CO<sub>2</sub> and allowed to settle for 4 hours.

- Following adhesion to the plate, the cells are treated with or without EGF (final
- 15 concentration of 1ng/ml) and with or without compound at a range of concentrations in dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) (0.1% final) before incubation for 4 days. Following the incubation period, cell numbers were determined by addition of 50µl of 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) (stock 5mg/ml) for 2 hours. MTT solution was then tipped off, the plate gently tapped dry and the cells
- 20 dissolved upon the addition of 100µl of DMSO.

- Absorbance of the solubilised cells was read at 540nm using a Molecular Devices ThermoMax microplate reader. Inhibition of proliferation was expressed as an IC<sub>50</sub> value. This was determined by calculation of the concentration of compound that was required to give 50% inhibition of proliferation. The range of proliferation was calculated
- 25 from the positive (vehicle plus EGF) and negative (vehicle minus EGF) control values.

**c) Clone 24 phospho-erbB2 cell assay**

- This immunofluorescence end point assay measures the ability of a test compound to inhibit the phosphorylation of erbB2 in a MCF7 (breast carcinoma) derived cell line which was generated by transfecting MCF7 cells with the full length erbB2 gene using
- 30 standard methods to give a cell line that overexpresses full length wild type erbB2 protein (hereinafter 'Clone 24' cells).

Clone 24 cells were cultured in Growth Medium (phenol red free Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 10% foetal bovine serum, 2 mM

glutamine and 1.2mg/ml G418) in a 7.5% CO<sub>2</sub> air incubator at 37°C. Cells were harvested from T75 stock flasks by washing once in PBS (phosphate buffered saline, pH7.4, Gibco No. 10010-015) and harvested using 2mls of Trypsin (1.25mg/ml) / ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) (0.8mg/ml) solution. The cells were

- 5 resuspended in Growth Medium. Cell density was measured using a haemocytometer and viability was calculated using Trypan Blue solution before being further diluted in Growth Medium and seeded at a density of  $1 \times 10^4$  cells per well (in 100ul) into clear bottomed 96 well plates (Packard, No. 6005182).

- 3 days later, Growth Medium was removed from the wells and replaced with  
10 100ul Assay Medium (phenol red free DMEM, 2mM glutamine, 1.2mg/ml G418) either with or without erbB inhibitor compound. Plates were returned to the incubator for 4hrs and then 20ul of 20% formaldehyde solution in PBS was added to each well and the plate was left at room temperature for 30 minutes. This fixative solution was removed with a multichannel pipette, 100ul of PBS was added to each well and then removed with a  
15 multichannel pipette and then 50ul PBS was added to each well. Plates were then sealed and stored for up to 2 weeks at 4°C.

- Immunostaining was performed at room temperature. Wells were washed once with 200ul PBS / Tween 20 (made by adding 1 sachet of PBS / Tween dry powder (Sigma, No. P3563) to 1L of double distilled H<sub>2</sub>O) using a plate washer then 200ul  
20 Blocking Solution (5% Marvel dried skimmed milk (Nestle) in PBS / Tween 20) was added and incubated for 10 minutes. Blocking Solution was removed using a plate washer and 200ul of 0.5% Triton X-100 / PBS was added to permeabilise the cells. After 10 minutes, the plate was washed with 200ul PBS / Tween 20 and then 200ul Blocking Solution was added once again and incubated for 15 minutes. Following removal of the  
25 Blocking Solution with a plate washer, 30ul of rabbit polyclonal anti-phospho ErbB2 IgG antibody (epitope phospho-Tyr 1248, SantaCruz, No. SC-12352-R), diluted 1:250 in Blocking Solution, was added to each well and incubated for 2 hours. Then this primary antibody solution was removed from the wells using a plate washer followed by two 200ul PBS / Tween 20 washes using a plate washer. Then 30ul of Alexa-Fluor 488 goat  
30 anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody (Molecular Probes, No. A-11008), diluted 1:750 in Blocking Solution, was added to each well. From now onwards, wherever possible, plates were protected from light exposure, at this stage by sealing with black backing tape. The plates were incubated for 45 minutes and then the secondary antibody solution was

removed from the wells followed by two 200ul PBS / Tween 20 washes using a plate washer. Then 100ul PBS was added to each plate, incubated for 10 minutes and then removed using a plate washer. Then a further 100ul PBS was added to each plate and then, without prolonged incubation, removed using a plate washer. Then 50ul of PBS was  
5 added to each well and plates were resealed with black backing tape and stored for up to 2 days at 4°C before analysis.

The Fluorescence signal in each well was measured using an Acumen Explorer Instrument (Acumen Bioscience Ltd.), a plate reader that can be used to rapidly quantitate features of images generated by laser-scanning. The instrument was set to measure the  
10 number of fluorescent objects above a pre-set threshold value and this provided a measure of the phosphorylation status of erbB2 protein. Fluorescence dose response data obtained with each compound was exported into a suitable software package (such as Origin) to perform curve fitting analysis. Inhibition of erbB2 phosphorylation was expressed as an IC<sub>50</sub> value. This was determined by calculation of the concentration of compound that  
15 was required to give 50% inhibition of erbB2 phosphorylation signal.

**d) *In vivo* Xenograft assay**

This assay measures the ability of a test compound to inhibit the growth of a LoVo tumour (colorectal adenocarcinoma obtained from the ATCC) in Female Swiss athymic mice (Alderley Park, *nu/nu* genotype).

20 Female Swiss athymic (*nu/nu* genotype) mice were bred and maintained in Alderley Park in negative pressure Isolators (PFI Systems Ltd.). Mice were housed in a barrier facility with 12hr light/dark cycles and provided with sterilised food and water *ad libitum*. All procedures were performed on mice of at least 8 weeks of age. LoVo tumour cell (colorectal adenocarcinoma obtained from the ATCC) xenografts were established in  
25 the hind flank of donor mice by sub cutaneous injections of  $1 \times 10^7$  freshly cultured cells in 100ul of serum free media per animal. On day 5 post-implant, mice were randomised into groups of 7 prior to the treatment with compound or vehicle control that was administered once daily at 0.1ml/10g body weight. Tumour volume was assessed twice weekly by bilateral Vernier calliper measurement, using the formula  $(\text{length} \times \text{width}) \times$   
30  $\sqrt{(\text{length} \times \text{width}) \times (\pi/6)}$ , where length was the longest diameter across the tumour, and width was the corresponding perpendicular. Growth inhibition from start of study was calculated by comparison of the mean changes in tumour volume for the control and

treated groups, and statistical significance between the two groups was evaluated using a Students *t* test.

**e) hERG-encoded Potassium Channel Inhibition Assay**

This assay determines the ability of a test compound to inhibit the tail current  
5 flowing through the human ether-a-go-go-related-gene (hERG)-encoded potassium channel.

Human embryonic kidney (HEK) cells expressing the hERG-encoded channel were grown in Minimum Essential Medium Eagle (EMEM; Sigma-Aldrich catalogue number M2279), supplemented with 10% Foetal Calf Serum (Labtech International; product number 4-101-500), 10% M1 serum-free supplement (Egg Technologies; product  
10 number 70916) and 0.4 mg/ml Geneticin G418 (Sigma-Aldrich; catalogue number G7034). One or two days before each experiment, the cells were detached from the tissue culture flasks with Accutase (TCS Biologicals) using standard tissue culture methods. They were then put onto glass coverslips resting in wells of a 12 well plate and covered  
15 with 2 ml of the growing media.

For each cell recorded, a glass coverslip containing the cells was placed at the bottom of a Perspex chamber containing bath solution (see below) at room temperature (~20 °C). This chamber was fixed to the stage of an inverted, phase-contrast microscope. Immediately after placing the coverslip in the chamber, bath solution was perfused into  
20 the chamber from a gravity-fed reservoir for 2 minutes at a rate of ~ 2 ml/min. After this time, perfusion was stopped.

A patch pipette made from borosilicate glass tubing (GC120F, Harvard Apparatus) using a P-97 micropipette puller (Sutter Instrument Co.) was filled with pipette solution (see hereinafter). The pipette was connected to the headstage of the patch  
25 clamp amplifier (Axopatch 200B, Axon Instruments) via a silver/silver chloride wire. The headstage ground was connected to the earth electrode. This consisted of a silver/silver chloride wire embedded in 3% agar made up with 0.85% sodium chloride.

The cell was recorded in the whole cell configuration of the patch clamp technique. Following "break-in", which was done at a holding potential of -80 mV (set  
30 by the amplifier), and appropriate adjustment of series resistance and capacitance controls, electrophysiology software (*Clampex*, Axon Instruments) was used to set a holding potential (-80 mV) and to deliver a voltage protocol. This protocol was applied every 15 seconds and consisted of a 1 s step to +40 mV followed by a 1 s step to -50 mV.



The current response to each imposed voltage protocol was low pass filtered by the amplifier at 1 kHz. The filtered signal was then acquired, on line, by digitising this analogue signal from the amplifier with an analogue to digital converter. The digitised signal was then captured on a computer running *Clampex* software (Axon Instruments).

- 5 During the holding potential and the step to + 40 mV the current was sampled at 1 kHz. The sampling rate was then set to 5 kHz for the remainder of the voltage protocol.

The compositions, pH and osmolality of the bath and pipette solution are tabulated below.

Salt	Pipette (mM)	Bath (mM)
NaCl	-	137
KCl	130	4
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	1	1
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	-	1.8
HEPES	10	10
glucose	-	10
Na <sub>2</sub> ATP	5	-
EGTA	5	-

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Parameter	Pipette	Bath
pH	7.18 – 7.22	7.40
pH adjustment with	1M KOH	1M NaOH
Osmolarity (mOsm)	275-285	285-295

The amplitude of the hERG-encoded potassium channel tail current following the step from +40 mV to -50 mV was recorded on-line by *Clampex* software (Axon Instruments). Following stabilisation of the tail current amplitude, bath solution

- 15 containing the vehicle for the test substance was applied to the cell. Providing the vehicle application had no significant effect on tail current amplitude, a cumulative concentration effect curve to the compound was then constructed.

The effect of each concentration of test compound was quantified by expressing the tail current amplitude in the presence of a given concentration of test compound as a  
20 percentage of that in the presence of vehicle.

Test compound potency (IC<sub>50</sub>) was determined by fitting the percentage inhibition values making up the concentration-effect to a four parameter Hill equation using a

standard data-fitting package. If the level of inhibition seen at the highest test concentration did not exceed 50%, no potency value was produced and a percentage inhibition value at that concentration was quoted.

Although the pharmacological properties of the compounds of the Formula I vary  
5 with structural change as expected, in general activity possessed by compounds of the Formula I, may be demonstrated at the following concentrations or doses in one or more of the above tests (a), (b) and (c):-

- Test (a):-  $IC_{50}$  in the range, for example, 0.001 - 10  $\mu M$ ;
- Test (b):-  $IC_{50}$  in the range, for example, 0.001 - 10  $\mu M$ ;
- 10 Test (c):-  $IC_{50}$  in the range, for example, 0.01 - 10  $\mu M$ ;
- Test (d):- activity in the range, for example, 1-200 mg/kg/day;

According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided a pharmaceutical composition which comprises a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable thereof, as defined hereinbefore in association with a  
15 pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

The compositions of the invention may be in a form suitable for oral use (for example as tablets, lozenges, hard or soft capsules, aqueous or oily suspensions, emulsions, dispersible powders or granules, syrups or elixirs), for topical use (for example as creams, ointments, gels, or aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions), for  
20 administration by inhalation (for example as a finely divided powder or a liquid aerosol), for administration by insufflation (for example as a finely divided powder) or for parenteral administration (for example as a sterile aqueous or oily solution for intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular or intramuscular dosing or as a suppository for rectal dosing).

25 The compositions of the invention may be obtained by conventional procedures using conventional pharmaceutical excipients, well known in the art. Thus, compositions intended for oral use may contain, for example, one or more colouring, sweetening, flavouring and/or preservative agents.

The amount of active ingredient that is combined with one or more excipients to  
30 produce a single dosage form will necessarily vary depending upon the host treated and the particular route of administration. For example, a formulation intended for oral administration to humans will generally contain, for example, from 0.5 mg to 0.5 g of active agent (more suitably from 0.5 to 100 mg, for example from 1 to 30 mg)

compounded with an appropriate and convenient amount of excipients which may vary from about 5 to about 98 percent by weight of the total composition.

The size of the dose for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes of a compound of the Formula I will naturally vary according to the nature and severity of the conditions, the age and sex of the animal or patient and the route of administration, according to well known principles of medicine.

In using a compound of the Formula I for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes it will generally be administered so that a daily dose in the range, for example, 0.1 mg/kg to 75 mg/kg body weight is received, given if required in divided doses. In general lower doses will be administered when a parenteral route is employed. Thus, for example, for intravenous administration, a dose in the range, for example, 0.1 mg/kg to 30 mg/kg body weight will generally be used. Similarly, for administration by inhalation, a dose in the range, for example, 0.05 mg/kg to 25 mg/kg body weight will be used. Oral administration is however preferred, particularly in tablet form. Typically, unit dosage forms will contain about 0.5 mg to 0.5 g of a compound of this invention.

We have found that the compounds of the present invention possess anti-proliferative properties such as anti-cancer properties that are believed to arise from their erbB family receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity, particularly inhibition of the EGF receptor (erbB1) tyrosine kinase. Furthermore, certain of the compounds according to the present invention possess substantially better potency against the EGF receptor tyrosine kinase, than against other tyrosine kinase enzymes, for example erbB2. Such compounds possess sufficient potency against the EGF receptor tyrosine kinase that they may be used in an amount sufficient to inhibit EGF receptor tyrosine kinase whilst demonstrating little, or significantly lower, activity against other tyrosine kinase enzymes such as erbB2. Such compounds are likely to be useful for the selective inhibition of EGF receptor tyrosine kinase and are likely to be useful for the effective treatment of, for example EGF driven tumours.

Accordingly, the compounds of the present invention are expected to be useful in the treatment of diseases or medical conditions mediated alone or in part by erbB receptor tyrosine kinases (especially EGF receptor tyrosine kinase), i.e. the compounds may be used to produce an erbB receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment. Thus the compounds of the present invention provide a method for the treatment of malignant cells characterised by inhibition of one or more of

the erbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases. Particularly the compounds of the invention may be used to produce an anti-proliferative and/or pro-apoptotic and/or anti-invasive effect mediated alone or in part by the inhibition of erbB receptor tyrosine kinases.

Particularly, the compounds of the present invention are expected to be useful in the  
5 prevention or treatment of those tumours that are sensitive to inhibition of one or more of the erbB receptor tyrosine kinases, such as EGF and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 receptor tyrosine kinases (especially EGF receptor tyrosine kinase) that are involved in the signal transduction steps which drive proliferation and survival of these tumour cells.  
Accordingly the compounds of the present invention are expected to be useful in the  
10 treatment of psoriasis, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), atherosclerosis and restenosis and/or cancer by providing an anti-proliferative effect, particularly in the treatment of erbB receptor tyrosine kinase sensitive cancers. Such benign or malignant tumours may affect any tissue and include non-solid tumours such as leukaemia, multiple myeloma or lymphoma, and also solid tumours, for example bile duct, bone, bladder, brain/CNS,  
15 breast, colorectal, endometrial, gastric, head and neck, hepatic, lung, neuronal, oesophageal, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, renal, skin, testicular, thyroid, uterine and vulval cancers.

According to this aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use as a medicament.

20 According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal such as man.

Thus according to this aspect of the invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as  
25 defined hereinbefore in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal such as man.

According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a method for producing an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal, such as man, in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective  
30 amount of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as hereinbefore defined.

According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as

defined hereinbefore in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the prevention or treatment of those tumours which are sensitive to inhibition of erbB receptor tyrosine kinases, such as EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 (especially EGFR), that are involved in the signal transduction steps which lead to the proliferation of tumour cells.

- 5       According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a method for the prevention or treatment of those tumours which are sensitive to inhibition of one or more of the erbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases, such as EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 (especially EGFR), that are involved in the signal transduction steps which lead to the proliferation and/or survival of tumour cells which comprises
- 10   administering to said animal an effective amount of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined hereinbefore.

- According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the prevention or treatment of those tumours which are sensitive to inhibition of erbB
- 15   receptor tyrosine kinases, such as EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 (especially EGFR), that are involved in the signal transduction steps which lead to the proliferation of tumour cells.

- According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as
- 20   defined hereinbefore in the manufacture of a medicament for use in providing a EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 (especially an EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect.

- According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a method for providing a EGFR and/or an erbB2 and or an erbB4 (especially an EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect which comprises administering to said animal an
- 25   effective amount of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined hereinbefore.

- According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in providing a EGFR and/or erbB2 and/or erbB4 (especially an EGFR) tyrosine kinase
- 30   inhibitory effect.

      According to a further feature of the present invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as

defined hereinbefore in the manufacture of a medicament for use in providing a selective EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect.

According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a method for providing a selective EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect which comprises  
5 administering to said animal an effective amount of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined hereinbefore.

According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in providing a selective EGFR kinase inhibitory effect.

10 By "a selective EGFR kinase inhibitory effect" is meant that the quinazoline derivative of Formula I is more potent against EGFR tyrosine kinase than it is against other kinases. In particular some of the compounds according to the invention are more potent against EGFR receptor tyrosine kinase than it is against other tyrosine kinases such as other erb-B receptor tyrosine kinases, particularly erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinase. For  
15 example a selective EGFR kinase inhibitor according to the invention is at least 5 times, preferably at least 10 times more potent against EGFR tyrosine kinase than it is against erbB2 receptor tyrosine kinase, as determined from the relative  $IC_{50}$  values in suitable assays (for example the by comparing the  $IC_{50}$  value from the Clone 24 phospho-erbB2 cell assay (a measure of the erb-B2 tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity in cells) with the  
20  $IC_{50}$  from the KB cell assay (a measure of the EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity in cells) for a given test compound as described above).

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined hereinbefore in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of a  
25 cancer (for example a cancer selected from leukaemia, multiple myeloma, lymphoma, bile duct, bone, bladder, brain/CNS, breast, colorectal, endometrial, gastric, head and neck, hepatic, lung, neuronal, oesophageal, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, renal, skin, testicular, thyroid, uterine and vulval cancer).

According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a  
30 method for treating a cancer (for example a cancer selected from leukaemia, multiple myeloma, lymphoma, bile duct, bone, bladder, brain/CNS, breast, colorectal, endometrial, gastric, head and neck, hepatic, lung, neuronal, oesophageal, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, renal, skin, testicular, thyroid, uterine and vulval cancer) in a warm-blooded animal, such

as man, in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined hereinbefore.

According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of the  
5 Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in the treatment of a cancer (for example selected from leukaemia, multiple myeloma, lymphoma, bile duct, bone, bladder, brain/CNS, breast, colorectal, endometrial, gastric, head and neck, hepatic, lung, neuronal, oesophageal, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, renal, skin, testicular, thyroid, uterine and vulval cancer).

10 As mentioned above the size of the dose required for the therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of a particular disease will necessarily be varied depending upon, amongst other things, the host treated, the route of administration and the severity of the illness being treated.

The anti-proliferative treatment defined hereinbefore may be applied as a sole  
15 therapy or may involve, in addition to the quinazoline derivative of the invention, conventional surgery or radiotherapy or chemotherapy. Such chemotherapy may include one or more of the following categories of anti-tumour agents :-

- (i) antiproliferative/antineoplastic drugs and combinations thereof, as used in medical oncology, such as alkylating agents (for example cis-platin, carboplatin,  
20 cyclophosphamide, nitrogen mustard, melphalan, chlorambucil, busulphan and nitrosoureas); antimetabolites (for example antifolates such as fluoropyrimidines like 5-fluorouracil and tegafur, raltitrexed, methotrexate, cytosine arabinoside and hydroxyurea; antitumour antibiotics (for example anthracyclines like adriamycin, bleomycin, doxorubicin, daunomycin, epirubicin, idarubicin, mitomycin-C, dactinomycin and  
25 mithramycin); antimitotic agents (for example vinca alkaloids like vincristine, vinblastine, vindesine and vinorelbine and taxoids like taxol and taxotere); and topoisomerase inhibitors (for example epipodophyllotoxins like etoposide and teniposide, amsacrine, topotecan and camptothecin);
- (ii) cytostatic agents such as antioestrogens (for example tamoxifen, toremifene,  
30 raloxifene, droloxifene and idoxifene), oestrogen receptor down regulators (for example fulvestrant), antiandrogens (for example bicalutamide, flutamide, nilutamide and cyproterone acetate), LHRH antagonists or LHRH agonists (for example goserelin, leuporelin and buserelin), progestogens (for example megestrol acetate), aromatase

inhibitors (for example as anastrozole, letrozole, vorazole and exemestane) and inhibitors of 5 $\alpha$ -reductase such as finasteride;

- (iii) agents which inhibit cancer cell invasion (for example metalloproteinase inhibitors like marimastat and inhibitors of urokinase plasminogen activator receptor function);
- 5 (iv) inhibitors of growth factor function, for example such inhibitors include growth factor antibodies, growth factor receptor antibodies (for example the anti-erb2 antibody trastuzumab [Herceptin<sup>TM</sup>] and the anti-erb1 antibody cetuximab [C225]), farnesyl transferase inhibitors, tyrosine kinase inhibitors and serine/threonine kinase inhibitors, for example other inhibitors of the epidermal growth factor family (for example EGFR
- 10 family tyrosine kinase inhibitors such as N-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazolin-4-amine (gefitinib, AZD1839), N-(3-ethynylphenyl)-6,7-bis(2-methoxyethoxy)quinazolin-4-amine (erlotinib, OSI-774) and 6-acrylamido-N-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazolin-4-amine (CI 1033)), for example inhibitors of the platelet-derived growth factor family and for example inhibitors
- 15 of the hepatocyte growth factor family;
- (v) antiangiogenic agents such as those which inhibit the effects of vascular endothelial growth factor, (for example the anti-vascular endothelial cell growth factor antibody bevacizumab [Avastin<sup>TM</sup>], compounds such as those disclosed in International Patent Applications WO 97/22596, WO 97/30035, WO 97/32856 and WO 98/13354) and
- 20 compounds that work by other mechanisms (for example linomide, inhibitors of integrin  $\alpha v \beta 3$  function and angiostatin);
- (vi) vascular damaging agents such as Combretastatin A4 and compounds disclosed in International Patent Applications WO 99/02166, WO00/40529, WO 00/41669, WO01/92224, WO02/04434 and WO02/08213;
- 25 (vii) antisense therapies, for example those which are directed to the targets listed above, such as ISIS 2503, an anti-ras antisense;
- (viii) gene therapy approaches, including for example approaches to replace aberrant genes such as aberrant p53 or aberrant BRCA1 or BRCA2, GDEPT (gene-directed enzyme pro-drug therapy) approaches such as those using cytosine deaminase, thymidine
- 30 kinase or a bacterial nitroreductase enzyme and approaches to increase patient tolerance to chemotherapy or radiotherapy such as multi-drug resistance gene therapy; and
- (ix) immunotherapy approaches, including for example ex-vivo and in-vivo approaches to increase the immunogenicity of patient tumour cells, such as transfection with cytokines



such as interleukin 2, interleukin 4 or granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor, approaches to decrease T-cell anergy, approaches using transfected immune cells such as cytokine-transfected dendritic cells, approaches using cytokine-transfected tumour cell lines and approaches using anti-idiotypic antibodies.

5       Such conjoint treatment may be achieved by way of the simultaneous, sequential or separate dosing of the individual components of the treatment. Such combination products employ the compounds of this invention within the dosage range described hereinbefore and the other pharmaceutically-active agent within its approved dosage range.

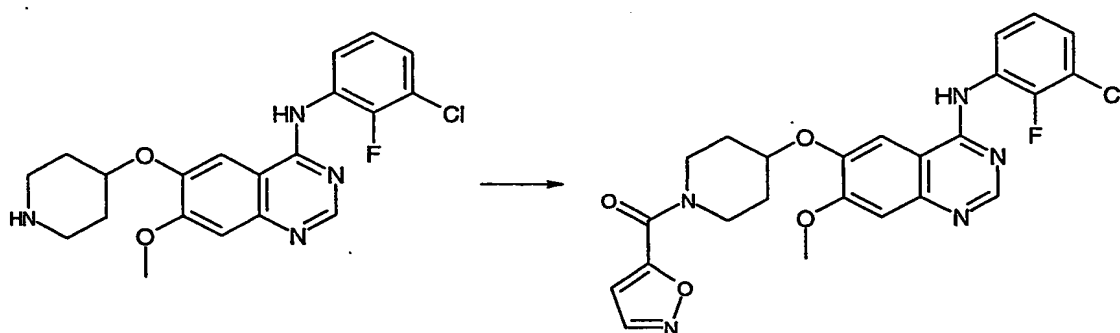
10       According to this aspect of the invention there is provided a pharmaceutical product comprising a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I as defined hereinbefore and an additional anti-tumour agent as defined hereinbefore for the conjoint treatment of cancer.

15       Although the compounds of the Formula I are primarily of value as therapeutic agents for use in warm-blooded animals (including man), they are also useful whenever it is required to inhibit the effects of the erbB receptor tyrosine protein kinases. Thus, they are useful as pharmacological standards for use in the development of new biological tests and in the search for new pharmacological agents.

20       The invention will now be illustrated by the following non limiting examples in which, unless stated otherwise:

- (i) temperatures are given in degrees Celsius (°C); operations were carried out at room or ambient temperature, that is, at a temperature in the range of 18-25°C;
- (ii) organic solutions were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate; evaporation of solvent was carried out using a rotary evaporator under reduced
- 25   pressure (600-4000 Pascals; 4.5-30mmHg) with a bath temperature of up to 60°C;
- (iii) chromatography means flash chromatography on silica gel; thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on silica gel plates;
- (iv) in general, the course of reactions was followed by TLC and / or analytical LCMS, and reaction times are given for illustration only;
- 30   (v) final products had satisfactory proton nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra and/or mass spectral data;

- (vi) yields are given for illustration only and are not necessarily those which can be obtained by diligent process development; preparations were repeated if more material was required;
- (vii) when given, NMR data is in the form of delta values for major diagnostic protons, 5 given in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard, determined at 300 or 400MHz using perdeuterio dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) as solvent unless otherwise indicated; the following abbreviations have been used: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; b, broad;
- (viii) chemical symbols have their usual meanings; SI units and symbols are used;
- 10 (ix) solvent ratios are given in volume:volume (v/v) terms; and
- (x) mass spectra (MS) were run with an electron energy of 70 electron volts in the chemical ionization (CI) mode using a direct exposure probe and ionization was effected by electrospray; values for m/z are given; generally, only ions which indicate the parent mass are reported; and unless otherwise stated, the mass ion quoted is (MH)<sup>+</sup>;
- 15 (xi) unless stated otherwise compounds containing an asymmetrically substituted carbon and/or sulfur atom have not been resolved;
- (xii) where a synthesis is described as being analogous to that described in a previous example the amounts used are the millimolar ratio equivalents to those used in the previous example;
- 20 (xvi) the following abbreviations have been used:
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| DMSO | dimethylsulphoxide;   |
| THF  | Tetrahydrofuran;  |
| HATU | <i>O</i> -(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)- <i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethyluroniumhexafluorophosphate |
- 25 xvii) where a synthesis is described as leading to an acid addition salt (e.g. HCl salt), the specific stoichiometry of the salt was not confirmed.

**Example 1****Preparation of Compound No 1 in Table 1**

HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and isoxazole-5-carboxylic acid (0.110g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-([1-(isoxazol-5-ylcarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl]oxy)-7-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.110g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub> 373K) 1.88 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.78(m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 9.28 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 498.

**Preparation of Starting material**

The 6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)-4-(3-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-methoxyquinazoline dihydrochloride starting material was prepared as follows:

6-Acetoxy-4-chloro-7-methoxyquinazoline, (Example 25-5 of in WO01/66099; 10.0g, 39.6 mmole) was added in portions to a stirred 7N methanolic ammonia solution (220 ml) cooled to 10°C in an ice/water bath. After stirring for one hour the precipitate was filtered, washed with diethylether and dried thoroughly under high vacuum to give 4-chloro-6-hydroxy-7-methoxyquinazoline (5.65g, 67.8%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub>) 3.96 (s, 3H); 7.25 (s, 1H); 7.31 (s, 1H); 8.68 (s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 211

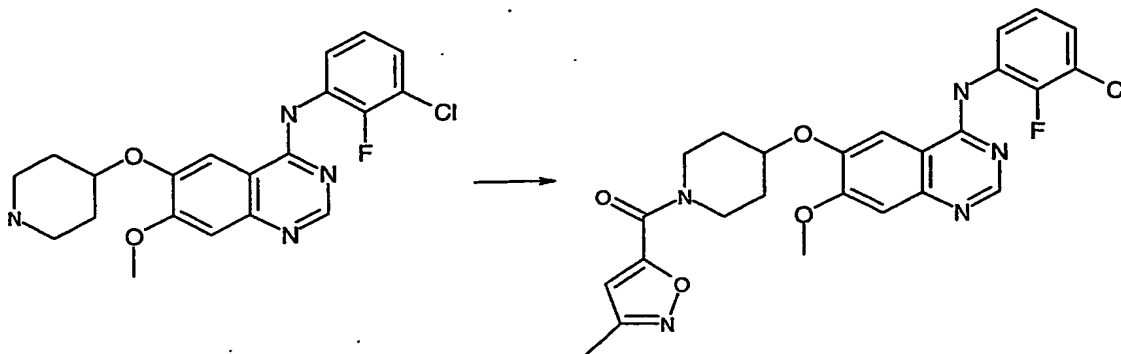
Di-tert-butylazodicarboxylate (9.22 g) in methylene chloride (20 ml) was added slowly to a stirred suspension of 4-chloro-6-hydroxy-7-methoxyquinazoline (5.63 g), 4-hydroxy-1-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperidine (8.06 g) and triphenylphosphine (10.5 g) in methylene chloride (100 ml) at 5°C under an atmosphere of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was then evaporated under vacuum and adsorbed onto silica and the product was eluted with isohexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine (75/24/1 followed by 70/29/1). The fractions containing the desired product were combined and evaporated under vacuum to give tert-butyl 4-[(4-chloro-7-methoxyquinazolin-6-yl)oxy]piperidine-1-carboxylate as a white solid (10.3g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub>) 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.56-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.04 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.31 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.70 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 4.89 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H); Mass Spectrum : (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 394.

4.0M HCl in Dioxane (4.0 ml) was added to a suspension of tert-butyl 4-[(4-chloro-7-methoxyquinazolin-6-yl)oxy]piperidine-1-carboxylate (2.62 g) and 3-chloro-2-fluoroaniline (1.08 g) in *iso*-propanol (50 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 100°C for 2 hours. The yellow precipitate was filtered hot and washed with *iso*-propanol followed by diethylether and dried under vacuum to give 6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)-4-(3-chloro-2-fluoroanilino)-7-methoxyquinazoline as a di-hydrochloride salt (2.38g); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub>) 1.84-1.99 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.33 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.33 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 5.08 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.50 (t, 1H), 7.62 (t, 1H), 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.84-8.94 (m, 2H), 8.99-9.11 (m, 1H); Mass Spectrum : (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 403.

## Example 2

### Preparation of Compound No 3 in Table 1

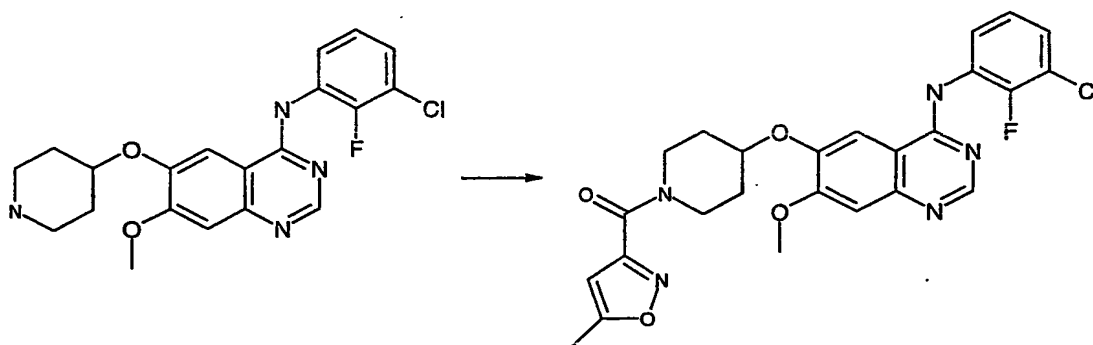
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HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 3-methyl-5-isoxazolecarboxylic acid (0.126g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-({1-[(3-methylisoxazol-5-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.145g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub> 373K) 1.89 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.82 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 9.28 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 512.

### 15 Example 3

#### Preparation of Compound No 4 in Table 1

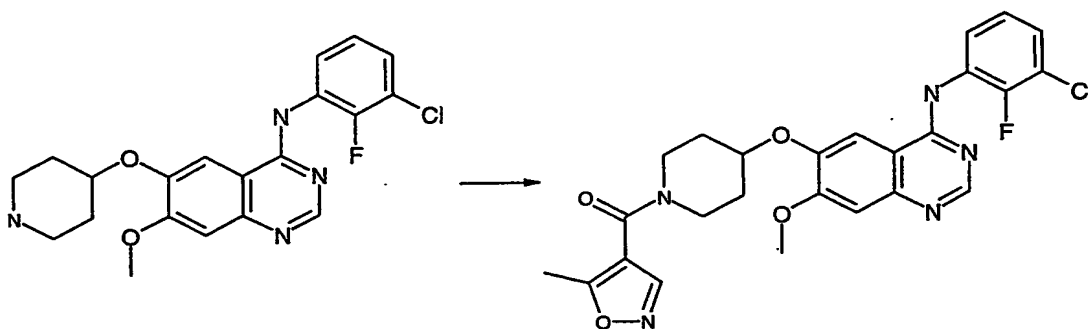


HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 5-methyl-3-isoxazolecarboxylic acid (0.127g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-({1-[(5-methylisoxazol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.115g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub>

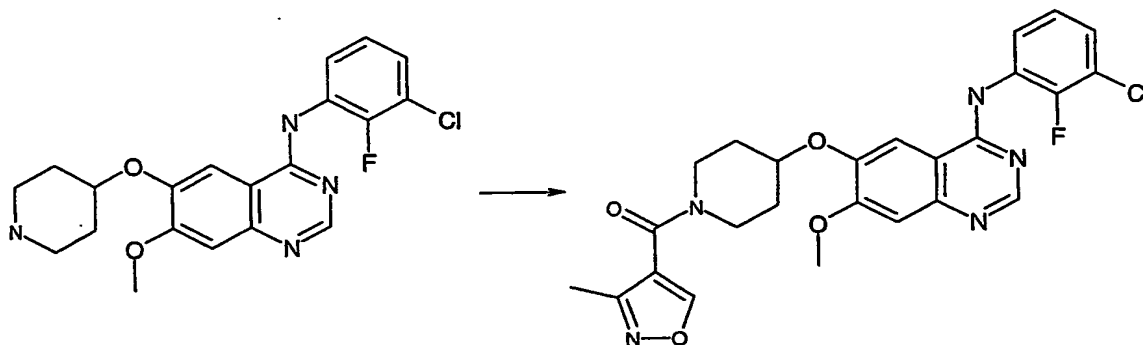
373K) 1.87 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.80 (m, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 9.26 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 512.

#### 5 Example 4

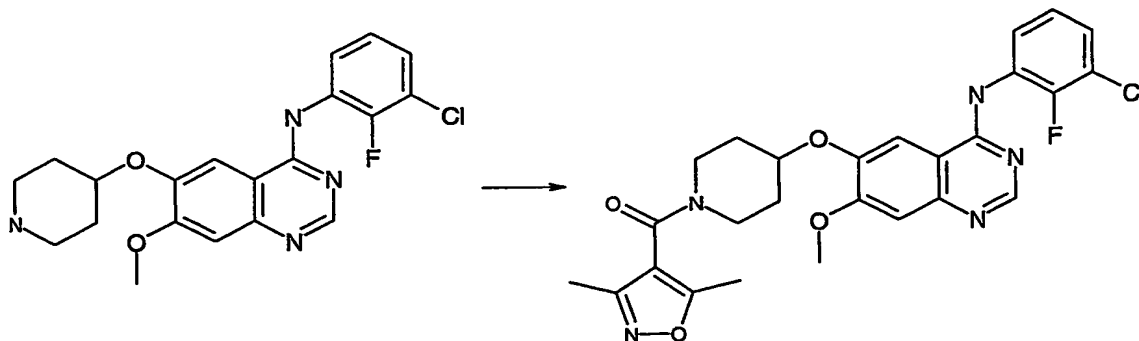
##### Preparation of Compound No 5 in Table 1



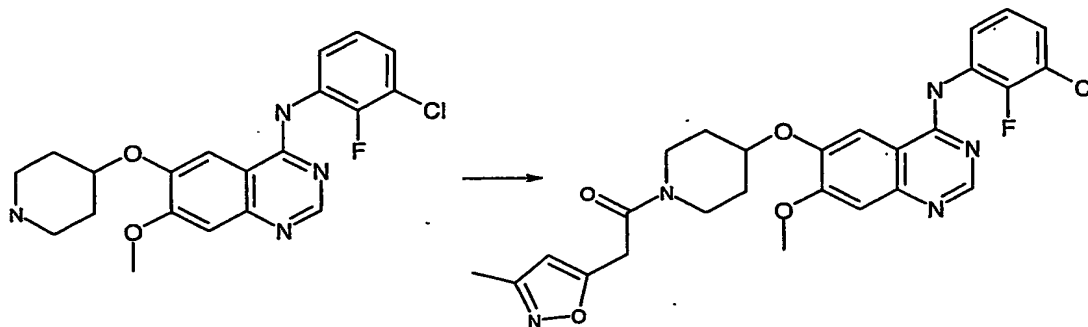
HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 5-methyl-4-isoxazolecarboxylic acid (0.127g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-({1-[(5-methylisoxazol-4-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.138g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 373K) 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 9.27 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 512.

**Example 5****Preparation of Compound No 6 in Table 1**

- 5 HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 3-methyl-4-isoxazolecarboxylic acid (0.128g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml)
- 10 and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-({1-[(3-methylisoxazol-4-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.068g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub>
- 15 373K) 1.86 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 9.25 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 512

**Example 6****Preparation of Compound No. 7 in Table 1**

- 5 HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 3,5-dimethyl-4-isoxazolecarboxylic acid (0.141g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M,
- 10 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-({1-[(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)-7-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.107g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum:
- 15 (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub> 373K) 1.80 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.47 (m, 2H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.76 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H); 9.25 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 526.

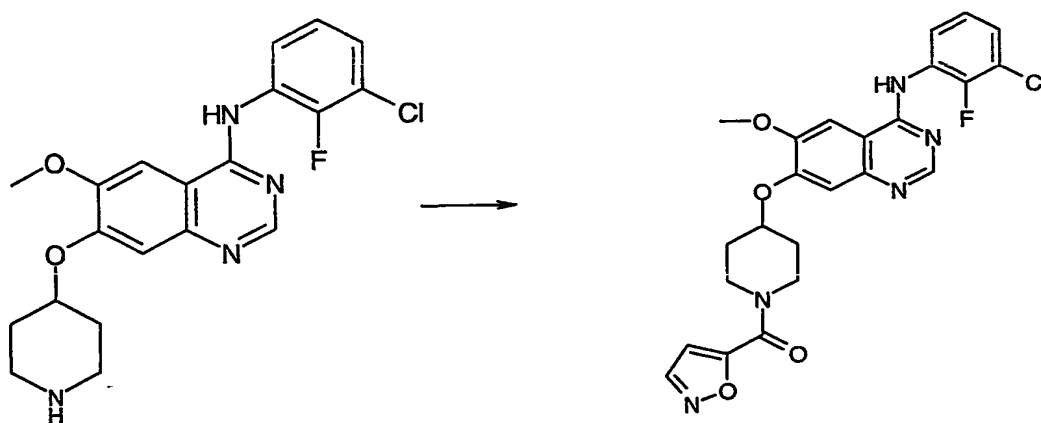
**Example 7****Preparation of Compound No 2 in Table 1**



HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 3-methyl-5-isoxazoleacetic Acid (0.135g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-6-({1-[(3-methylisoxazol-5-yl)acetyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.269g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO *d*<sub>6</sub> 373K) 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 4.77(m, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 9.28 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 526.

### 15 Example 8

#### Preparation of Compound No 8 in Table II



HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-7-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and isoxazole-5-carboxylic acid (0.110g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (2.5/97.5). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-

(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-7-{[1-(isoxazol-5-ylcarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl]oxy}-6-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.045g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO d<sub>6</sub> 373K) 1.86 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 9.30 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 498.

#### Preparation of the starting material

##### Step 1

##### 7-(benzyloxy)-N-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine hydrochloride

10 4.0M HCl in Dioxane (4.0 ml) was added to a stirred suspension of 7-(benzyloxy)-4-chloro-6-methoxyquinazoline (60g, 0.2mol) and 3-chloro-2-fluoroaniline (31.96g, 0.22mol) in acetonitrile (1200mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 80°C for 1 hour then left to stand O/N. Acetonitrile (500mL) was added and the resulting precipitate filtered, washed with Acetonitrile (3 x 500mL) and dried under vacuum to give 7-

15 (benzyloxy)-N-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine hydrochloride 2 as a beige solid (85.45g, 96%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>) 4.02 (s, 3H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 7.30-7.60 (m, 9H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 11.8 (s, 1H); Mass Spectrum : (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 410.27.

##### 20 Step 2

##### 4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-ol

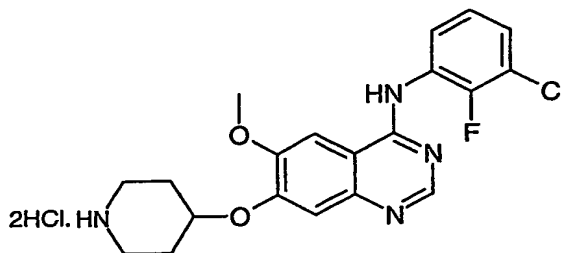
A solution of 7-(benzyloxy)-N-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinazolin-4-amine hydrochloride 2 (85.45g, 0.192mol) in trifluoroacetic acid (300 mL) was heated at 80°C for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was the evaporated to dryness and the residues re-

25 dissolved in methanol (200mL). This solution was then added dropwise to a stirred aqueous solution of saturated sodium bicarbonate (500mL). The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with acetonitrile and dried under vacuum. The crude solids were then purified by hot (100°C) trituration with a mixture of butanone (500mL) and MeOH (100mL), filtered and dried to 4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-

30 methoxyquinazolin-7-ol 3 as a cream solid (45g, 73%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>): 3.98 (s, 3H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 9.55 (s, 1H), 10.32 (s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 319.98

Step 3*tert*-butyl 4-({4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate

4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-ol (**3**, 500 mg, 1.565 mmol) was dissolved in DMA (20 ml). *tert*-Butyl (4-methanesulfonyloxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate (436.6 mg, 1.565 mmol) and cesium fluoride (236.3 mg, 1.565 mmol) were added, and the mixture was heated to 60°C with stirring. After 18 hours, *tert*-butyl 4-methanesulfonyloxypiperidine-1-carboxylate and cesium fluoride were again added in the same quantities to the reaction mixture and heating was continued at 60°C for a further 18 hours. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was partitioned between saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (50mL) and EtOAc (2x50mL). The organics were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The crudes were then purified by column chromatography eluting with increasingly polar mixtures of methylene chloride/EtOAc (100/0 to 0/100). The fractions containing the desired product were combined and evaporated under vacuum to give *tert*-butyl 4-({4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate as a colourless foam (757mg, 96%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.60-1.80 (m, 2H), 2.02-2.20 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.75-3.92 (m, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 9.73 (s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 503.08.

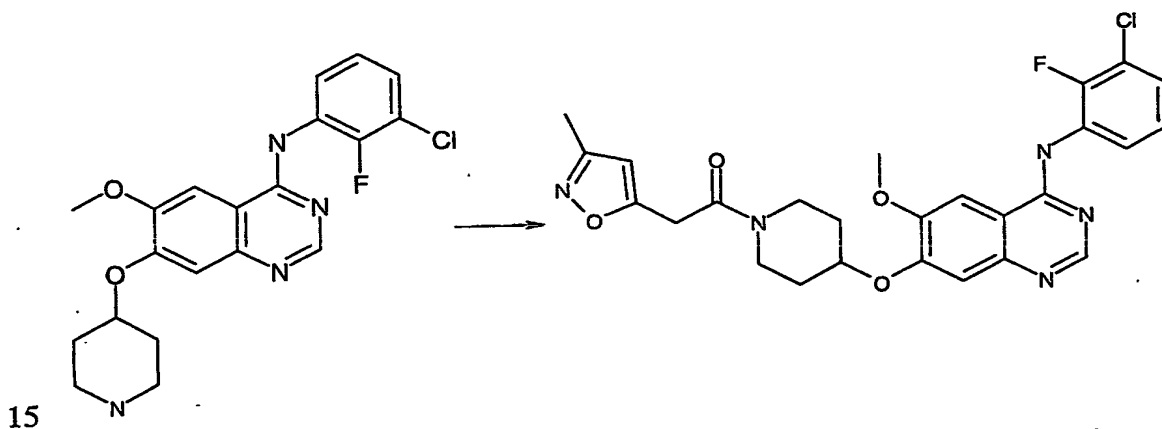
Step 5*N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-7-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride

Trifluoroacetic acid (50 mL) was added to a solution of *tert*-butyl 4-({4-[(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)piperidine-1-carboxylate (750 mg, 1.49 mmol) in methylene chloride (1mL) and Triethylsilane (1mL) and the

solution stirred for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the residues re-dissolved in EtOAc (5mL). This solution was then treated with 1M HCl / Diethylether (1mL) followed by more Diethylether (50mL) to give a heavy white precipitation. The resulting solids were collected following centrifugation and dried under vacuum to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-7-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride **5** as a white solid (750 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 2.00-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.45 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.50 (m, 4H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 5.02 (m, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.85 m, 3H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 9.56 (bs, 2H); Mass Spectrum : (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 403.08.

### Example 9

#### Preparation of Compound No 9 in Table II



HATU (0.31g) was added to a solution of *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-7-(piperidin-4-yloxy)quinazolin-4-amine dihydrochloride **5** (300mg), diisopropylethylamine (0.45ml) and 3-methyl-5-isoxazoleacetic acid (0.135g) in methylene chloride (9ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5hrs. Methylene chloride (20ml) was added and the organics washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide (2M, 30ml) and water (30ml). The crudes were then purified by flash column chromatography eluting with methanol/methylene chloride (4/96). Fractions containing the desired product were evaporated to a white foam which was triturated with diethyl ether (20ml) to give *N*-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-6-methoxy-7-({1-[(3-methylisoxazol-5-yl)carbonyl]piperidin-4-yl}oxy)quinazolin-4-amine as a white solid (0.224g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum: (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>) 1.54-1.76 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H),

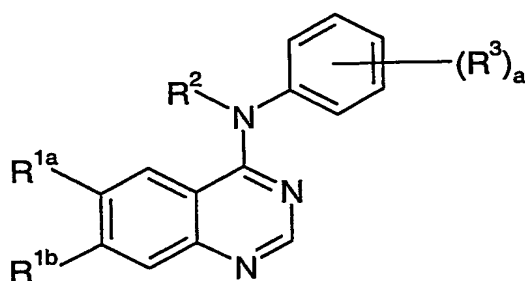
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3.93 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 4.92 (m, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 9.63 (br s, 1H); Mass Spectrum: (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 526.

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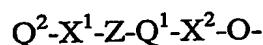
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wherein:

one of  $R^{1a}$  or  $R^{1b}$  is a group of sub-formula (i)



(i)

- 10 where  $X^2$  and  $X^1$  are independently selected from a direct bond or a group  $-[CR^4R^5]_m$ , wherein m is an integer from 1 to 6,  
 Z is  $C(O)$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $-C(O)NR^{10}$ -,  $-N(R^{10})C(O)$ -,  $-C(O)O$ - or  $-OC(O)$ - where  $R^{10}$  is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl,  
 and each of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl,  
 15 halo(1-4C)alkyl, hydroxy (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkyl, and n is 1 or 2, or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  together with the carbon atom(s) to which they are attached form a (3-7)cycloalkyl ring, provided that when a group  $R^3$  or  $R^4$  is hydroxy, m is at least 2  
 $Q^1$  is (3-7C)cycloalkylene or heterocyclyl, group which is optionally substituted by one or two substituents selected from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro,  
 20 hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, acryloyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (2-6C)alkenylthio, (2-6C)alkynylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,  
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- $Q^2$  is a heteroaryl group, optionally substituted by one of more substituents selected from
- 10 from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, acryloyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (2-6C)alkenylthio, (2-6C)alkynylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfinyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkenylsulfonyl, (2-6C)alkynylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino,
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- 25 and wherein any (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl and (2-6C)alkanoyl substituent on  $Q^1$  or  $Q^2$  optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) which may be the same or different selected from halogeno, hydroxy and (1-6C)alkyl and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, nitro, carboxy, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, hydroxy(1-6C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy,
- 30 (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy and  $NR^aR^b$ , wherein  $R^a$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and  $R^b$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl in  $R^a$  or  $R^b$  optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) which may be the same or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano,

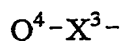
nitro, (2-4C)alkenyl, (2-4C)alkynyl, (1-4C)alkoxy, hydroxy(1-4C)alkoxy and (1-2C)alkoxy(1-4C)alkoxy,

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4, 5 or 6 membered ring, which optionally bears 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, on an available ring carbon atom selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl and (1-3C)alkylenedioxy, and may optionally bear on any available ring nitrogen a substituent (provided the ring is not thereby quaternised) selected from (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl,

and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl or (2-4C)alkanoyl group present as a substituent on the ring formed by R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3) which may be the same or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from (1-4C)alkyl and (1-4C)alkoxy;

and wherein any heterocyclyl group Q<sup>1</sup>- group optionally bears 1 or 2 oxo (=O) or thioxo (=S) substituents;

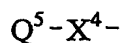
and the other of R<sup>1a</sup> or R<sup>1b</sup> is a group R<sup>1</sup> which is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



wherein X<sup>3</sup> is a direct bond or is selected from O or S, and Q<sup>4</sup> is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein adjacent carbon atoms in any (2-6C)alkylene chain within a R<sup>1</sup> substituent are optionally separated by the insertion into the chain of a group selected from O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>4</sup>), CO, CH(OR<sup>4</sup>), CON(R<sup>4</sup>), N(R<sup>4</sup>)CO, SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>4</sup>), N(R<sup>4</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>, CH=CH and C≡C wherein R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any CH<sub>2</sub>=CH- or HC≡C- group within a R<sup>1</sup> substituent optionally bears at the terminal CH<sub>2</sub>= or HC≡ position a substituent selected from halogeno, carboxy, carbamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, amino-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkylamino-(1-6C)alkyl and di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(1-6C)alkyl or from a group of the formula :

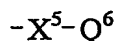


wherein X<sup>4</sup> is a direct bond or is selected from CO and N(R<sup>5</sup>)CO, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and Q<sup>5</sup> is heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,



and wherein any alkyl or alkylene group within a  $R^1$  substituent optionally bears one or more halogeno, (1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,

- 5 N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino and N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, or from a group of the formula:

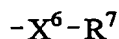


- 10 wherein  $X^5$  is a direct bond or is selected from O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>,  $N(R^6)$ , CO, CH(OR<sup>6</sup>), CON(R<sup>6</sup>),  $N(R^6)CO$ , SO<sub>2</sub> $N(R^6)$ ,  $N(R^6)SO_2$ ,  $C(R^6)_2O$ ,  $C(R^6)_2S$  and  $C(R^6)_2N(R^6)$ , wherein  $R^6$  is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and  $Q^6$  is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

- 15 and wherein any heterocyclyl group within a substituent on  $R^1$  optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, formyl, mercapto, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl,

- 20 (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, and

- 25 N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino, or from a group of the formula:



wherein  $X^6$  is a direct bond or is selected from O,  $N(R^8)$  and C(O), wherein  $R^8$  is hydrogen or (1-6C)alkyl, and  $R^7$  is halogeno-(1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy-(1-6C)alkyl, carboxy-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxy-(1-6C)alkyl, cyano-(1-6C)alkyl, amino-(1-6C)alkyl,

- 30 (1-6C)alkylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino-(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonylamino-(1-6C)alkyl, carbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl-(1-6C)alkyl or (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any heterocyclyl group within a substituent on R<sup>1</sup> optionally bears 1 or 2 oxo or thioxo substituents;

5 R<sup>2</sup> is selected from hydrogen and (1-6C)alkyl;

each R<sup>3</sup>, which may be the same or different, is selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl, trifluoromethyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl, (1-6C)alkylamino,

10 di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl, N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl,

N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, and

N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl

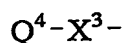
a is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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2. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1a</sup> is a group of sub-formula (i), and R<sup>1b</sup> is a group R<sup>1</sup> as defined in claim 1.

3. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected  
20 from hydrogen, hydroxy, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



wherein X<sup>3</sup> is a direct bond or is O or S (particularly a direct bond or O), and Q<sup>4</sup> is (3-7C)cycloalkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkyl-(1-6C)alkyl, (3-7C)cycloalkenyl,

25 (3-7C)cycloalkenyl-(1-6C)alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-(1-6C)alkyl,

and wherein any alkyl or alkylene group within a R<sup>1</sup> substituent optionally bears one or more halogeno, (1-6C)alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, sulfamoyl,

(1-6C)alkoxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl, (1-6C)alkylsulfonyl,

(1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (1-6C)alkoxycarbonyl,

30 N-(1-6C)alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]carbamoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyl,

(2-6C)alkanoyloxy, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, N-(1-6C)alkyl-(2-6C)alkanoylamino,

N-(1-6C)alkylsulfamoyl, N,N-di-[(1-6C)alkyl]sulfamoyl, (1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino and

N-(1-6C)alkyl-(1-6C)alkanesulfonylamino.

4. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 3 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen,  
(1-6C)alkoxy and (1-4C)alkoxy(1-6C)alkoxy, and wherein any (1-6C)alkoxy group  
within R<sup>1</sup> optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents, which may be the same or different,  
5 selected from hydroxy, fluoro and chloro.
5. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 4 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from  
methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, cyclopropylmethoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, 2-fluoroethoxy,  
2-methoxyethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or  
10 3-hydroxy-3-methylbutoxy.
6. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 5 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methoxy.
7. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein  
X<sup>2</sup> is a direct bond.  
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8. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein  
X<sup>1</sup> is suitably a direct bond or a (1-6C)alkylene group.
9. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 8 wherein X<sup>1</sup> is a direct bond or  
20 methyl.
10. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein Z  
is a C(O).
- 25 11. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein Q<sup>1</sup>  
is a non-aromatic saturated or partially saturated 3 to 10 membered monocyclic  
heterocyclic ring with up to five heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur  
(but not containing any O-O, O-S or S-S bonds), and linked via a ring carbon atom, or a  
ring nitrogen atom (provided the ring is not thereby quaternised).  
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12. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein Q<sup>1</sup>  
is selected from oxiranyl, oxetanyl, azetidiny, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydropyranyl,  
oxepanyl, oxazepanyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl,

1,1-dioxotetrahydro-1,4-thiazinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, homopiperazinyl, dihydropyridinyl, tetrahydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinyl, tetrahydrothienyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, thiomorpholinyl, more specifically including for example, tetrahydrofuran-3-yl, tetrahydrofuran-2-yl-,  
 5 tetrahydropyran-4-yl, tetrahydrothien-3-yl, tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, pyrrolidin-3-yl, pyrrolidin-2-yl, 3-pyrrolin-3-yl-, morpholino, 1,1-dioxotetrahydro-4H-1,4-thiazin-4-yl, piperidino, piperidin-4-yl, piperidin-3-yl, piperidin-2-yl, homopiperidin-3-yl, homopiperidin-4-yl, piperazin-1-yl, 1,4-oxazepanyl, or 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl.

10 13. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of claims 10 to 12 wherein the group  $Q^2-X^1-Z-$  is linked to a nitrogen atom on a heterocyclic  $Q^1$ .

14. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein  $Q^2$  is a 5 or 6-membered heteroaryl ring which optionally contains one or more heteroatoms  
 15 selected from oxygen, nitrogen or sulphur.

15. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 14 wherein  $Q^2$  is selected from furyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, furazanyl, thiadiazolyl or tetrazolyl.

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16. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein  $Q^2$  optionally bears 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl,  
 and wherein any (1-6C)alkyl, or (2-6C)alkanoyl group within  $Q^2$  optionally bears  
 25 1 or 2 substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno, hydroxy and (1-6C)alkyl and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl, (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkanoyl, (2-6C)alkanoyloxy and  $NR^aR^b$ , wherein  $R^a$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and  $R^b$  is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl in  $R^a$  or  $R^b$  optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3)  
 30 which may be the same or different selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from cyano, and (1-4C)alkoxy,

or  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4, 5 or 6 membered ring which does not contain oxygen, which ring optionally bears 1 or 2

substituents, which may be the same or different, on an available ring carbon atom selected from halogeno, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl and (1-3C)alkylenedioxy, and may optionally bear on any available ring nitrogen a substituent (provided the ring is not thereby quaternised) selected from (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and (1-4C)alkylsulfonyl, and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl or (2-4C)alkanoyl group present as a substituent on the ring formed by R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached optionally bears one or more substituents (for example 1, 2 or 3), which may be the same or different, selected from halogeno and hydroxy and/or optionally a substituent selected from (1-4C)alkyl and (1-4C)alkoxy.

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17. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 16 wherein Q<sup>2</sup> is optionally substituted by one or two groups, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy, (1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoyl and halogeno (particularly chloro and more particularly fluoro),

15 and wherein any (2-4C)alkanoyl group in a substituent on Q<sup>2</sup> optionally bears one or two substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy and (1-3C)alkyl,

and wherein any (1-4C)alkyl group in a substituent on Q<sup>2</sup> optionally bears one or two substituents, which may be the same or different, selected from hydroxy,

20 (1-4C)alkoxy and halogeno (particularly chloro and more particularly fluoro).

18. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 16 or claim 17 wherein Q<sup>2</sup> is unsubstituted or substituted by a (1-4C)alkyl group.

25 19. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen.

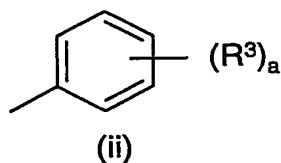
20. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein a is 1, 2 or 3.

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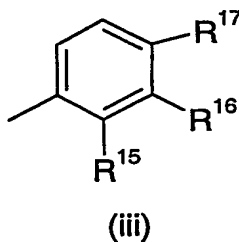
21. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein an R<sup>3</sup> is in the para position on the anilino ring, and this is selected from halogeno, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, amino, trifluoromethyl, (1-6C)alkyl, (2-8C)alkenyl, (2-8C)alkynyl,

(1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylamino and di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino.

22. A quinazoline derivative according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the  
5 group of sub-formula (ii)



in formula (I) is a group of sub-formula (iii)

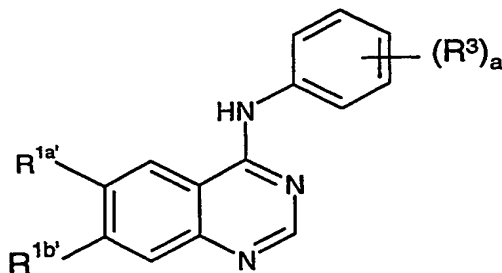


where one of R<sup>15</sup> or R<sup>17</sup> is hydrogen and the other is halogeno, and R<sup>16</sup> is halogeno.

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23. A quinazoline derivative according to claim 22 wherein the group of sub-formula (ii) is 3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl, or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

24. A process for the preparation of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I as  
15 defined in any one of the preceding claims, which process comprises either  
**Process (a)** reacting a compound of the Formula II:



Formula II

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wherein  $R^3$  and  $a$  are as defined in claim 1 and one of  $R^{1a'}$  or  $R^{1b'}$  is hydroxy and the other is a group  $R^1$  as defined in relation to formula (I), except that any functional group is protected if necessary,

with a compound of the Formula III:



wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ ,  $Z$ ,  $X^2$  and  $X^1$  have any of the meanings defined in claim 1, except that any functional group is protected if necessary and  $Lg$  is a displaceable group:

- Process (b)** modifying a substituent in or introducing a substituent into another  
10 quinazoline derivative of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as hereinbefore defined except that any functional group is protected if necessary;
- Process (c)** reacting a compound of the Formula II as hereinbefore defined with a compound of the Formula III as defined hereinbefore except  $Lg$  is OH under Mitsunobu conditions,
- 15 **Process (d)** for the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein the group  $R^1$  is a hydroxy group by the cleavage of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is a (1-6C)alkoxy group;

**Process (e)** for the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is a (1-6C)alkoxy, (2-6C)alkenyloxy, (2-6C)alkynyloxy, or a group of the formula :



wherein  $X^3$  is O and  $Q^4$  is as defined above, by the reaction of a compound of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is OH, except that any functional group is protected if necessary, with a compound of the formula  $R^{1'}-Lg$ , wherein  $R^{1'}$  is a (1-6C)alkyl, (2-6C)alkenyl, (2-6C)alkynyl, or a group  $Q^4$  where  $Q^4$  is as defined above, and  $Lg$  is a displaceable

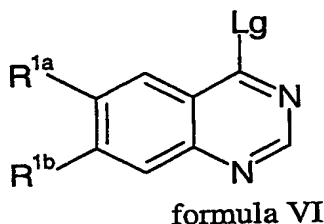
25 group;

- Process (f)** for the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  contains or  $R^1$  is or contains a (1-6C)alkoxy or substituted (1-6C)alkoxy group or a (1-6C)alkylamino or substituted (1-6C)alkylamino group, the alkylation of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$  contains or  $R^1$  is or contains a hydroxy group  
30 or a primary or secondary amino group as appropriate;

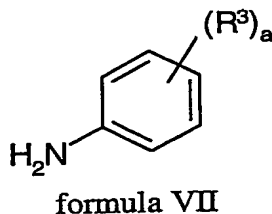
**Process (g)** for the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $R^1$  is substituted by a group T, wherein T is selected from (1-6C)alkylamino, di-[(1-6C)alkyl]amino, (2-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-6C)alkylthio, (1-6C)alkylsulfinyl and (1-

6C)alkylsulfonyl, the reaction of a compound which is of formula (I) except that the group  $R^1$  is replaced with a group  $R^{1''}$ -Lg wherein Lg is a displaceable group (for example chloro or bromo), and  $R^{1''}$  is a group  $R^1$  except that it has Lg in place of the group T, and further that any functional group is protected if necessary, with a  
 5 compound of the formula TH, wherein T is as defined above except that any functional group is protected if necessary;

**Process (h)** by reacting a compound of the formula VI:



10 wherein  $R^{1a}$  and  $R^{1b}$  have any of the meanings defined in claim 1 except that any functional group is protected if necessary and Lg is a displaceable group as hereinbefore defined,  
 with an aniline of the formula VII:



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wherein  $R^3$  and a have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore except that any functional group is protected if necessary, and wherein the reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a suitable acid, or

**Process (i)** for the preparation of those compounds of the Formula I wherein  $Q^1$  is a  
 20 nitrogen containing heterocyclyl group linked to the group Z by a ring nitrogen, the coupling of a compound of the Formula I, as hereinbefore defined, except that the group of sub-formula (i) is a group of sub-formula (x)  $H-Q^1-X^2-O-$ , and any functional group is protected if necessary, with a compound of formula  $Q^2-X^1-ZOH$ , wherein  $Q^2$ , Z and  $X^1$  is as defined above;

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and whereafter any protecting group that is present is removed by conventional means.



25. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 23 in association with a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

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26. A quinazoline derivative of the Formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 23, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use as a medicament.

27. The use of a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically-  
10 acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 23 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal.

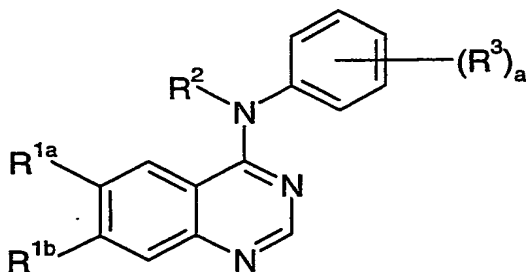
28. A method for producing an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal in  
15 need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal a quinazoline derivative of the Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 23.

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The invention concerns quinazoline derivatives of Formula I

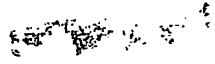


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